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World Cup referees arrive at the National Assembly President's residence in Paris yesterday. Labor disputes are casting a shadow over the world's most popular sports event just before its scheduled start. (AP)

Agreement hinges on third-pullback depth

By JAY BUSHINSKY

The depth and timing of the third pullback emerged yesterday as the last major obstacle to an agreement among Israel, the US, and the Palestinian Authority that would pave the way to final-status talks.

But Palestinian insistence on receiving substantially more than merely the additional two percent believed to have been offered by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu dampened official hopes of an early breakthrough.

"I am still optimistic," a senior government aide said. He blamed the media for "creating the impression that a deal is imminent."

Last night's meeting between cabinet secretary Danny Naveh and the chief PA negotiator Saeb Erekat, at US Ambassador Edward Walker's official residence, indicated that the two sides are interested in American ideas in their common search for a modus vivendi.

The session focused on the interim agreement and discussed the seaport, Dahaniya airport, and industrial zones in Gaza. The last time these issues were discussed was two months ago. According to the sources the Americans initiated the meeting.

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Meanwhile, there were unconfirmed reports that Israel recently held secret talks with European Union officials, and agreed to discuss the airport, seaport, and industrial zones in an attempt to reach an agreement with the Palestinians to prevent the EU imposing sanctions being imposed on settlement products.

Netanyahu told the weekly cabinet meeting that while there still are differences about the second redeployment's precise parameters, the negotiations' current focus is on the third withdrawal.

"I cannot say that Israel and the Palestinians are on the verge of an agreement," he said. "There is as yet no agreement on the second redeployment. Israel is directing its efforts toward reaching agreement with the US on the third redeployment. The issue here is the scope of the [third] redeployment, as well as the way in which it will be determined. Israel is making great efforts, and on this matter there is a chance that progress will be made."

Earlier yesterday, Erekat said on the Voice of Palestine radio that the "ball is in the Israeli court," as the Palestinians had already agreed to the US proposals and it is up to Israel to declare its intentions regarding redeployment.

He said that according to the recent US initiative, Israel must transfer land from Area C (under sole Israeli control) and Area B (under Palestinian civil control and Israeli security control) in the second redeployment.

Netanyahu's effort to reconcile Israel's vital security requirements with PA territorial aspirations and the US interest in forging an agreement without further delay failed to impress National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon.

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Air France strikers offer to fly in World Cup fans

PARIS – Striking Air France pilots yesterday told management they would be prepared to fly aircraft to pick up soccer fans who have been stranded abroad before the World Cup by a seven-day stoppage at the French carrier.

An Air France spokesman said the company, which has had to cancel some three quarters of all its flights over the past week and looks certain to be grounded by the time the World Cup starts on Wednesday, would talk to the unions about the offer.

"We'll suggest to Air France that it provide special flights. Access to these flights will be reserved for people who have got a ticket for the matches," the spokesman of the main pilots' union SNPL, Christian Paris, said in a television interview.

Negotiations between management and unions over plans to cut pilots' salaries stalled early on Saturday and no new meetings are scheduled.

The pilots' walkout on the eve of the World Cup has proved a huge embarrassment to Air France, and the company welcomed the union's offer. "It's a positive gesture," said Air France's director of communications, Francois Brousse.

"We will be talking to the SNPL about the suggestion," he told reporters, saying that special flights could be sent abroad within 48 hours. Paris said the pilots would offer their services for free and suggested that Air France should sell the tickets at a reduced price.

Meanwhile, the company met yesterday with ground personnel and flight attendants, who have expressed concern they have been left out of salary talks between Air France and the pilots.

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ZOA leader to US Holocaust Museum:

Fire scholar who equated Holocaust victims, Palestinians

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK – The new director of the research center at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum has come under fire for a 1988 opinion piece that said the Palestinians "are being forced into a tragic part too much like the one played by the European Jews 50 years ago."

The imbroglio concerns a Kristallnacht essay in the *Los Angeles Times* by John Roth, a Holocaust scholar and chairman of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Claremont McKenna College in California.

Morton Klein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, is angry at Roth's comparison and has called for a retraction and suggested that Roth be ousted.

"According to the writings we have read, he seems unfit for the position of Holocaust studies director," Klein told the *Washington Post*.

Scholars have leaped to the defense of Roth, who has written or edited more than 25 books, including *A Consuming Fire: Encounters With Elie Wiesel and the Holocaust*, and *Approaches to Auschwitz: The Holocaust and its Legacy*.

Roth, who is due to start at the museum's Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies in August, said he was chagrined at the reaction to and interpretation of the piece.

In the 1988 piece, he wrote, "Kristallnacht happened because a political state decided to be rid of people unwanted within its borders. It seems increasingly clear that Israel would prefer to rid itself of Palestinians if it could do so. Their presence in Gaza and the West Bank is a liability and a threat to many Israeli intentions. Thus, the voice of Moledet, euphemistic and muted though it may be, is not to be taken lightly... As much as any other people today, [the Palestinians] are being forced into a tragic part too much like the one played by the European Jews 50 years ago."

"I don't agree with the language [of the 1988 article], but it is unfair and outrageous to imply that it can cancel out" decades of Roth's scholarship, Rabbi Irving (Yitz) Greenberg of New York, the first director of the US Holocaust Commission, said yesterday.

Roth, who has taught at Haifa University, "is a strong supporter of Israel," Greenberg said.

Some Roth supporters privately vented that the California scholar was a victim of Jewish infighting over the Holocaust museum, which often appears to overlook the fact that it is a federal American institution, not a Jewish communal agency.

"John is a man of unquestioned personal and intellectual integrity," said Michael Berenbaum, former director of research at the museum and now the head of the Spielberg Visual History Foundation.

Berenbaum was livid that "such a prolific and brilliant scholar should be judged on one sentence of one op-ed piece."

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In response, Moledet MK Benny Elon said, "It is very sad to hear Jews whose only moral from the terrible Holocaust that befell the Jewish people is that Jews are dangerous to humankind, even when they continue to fight for their survival as well as their revival. The fact is that this article was published 10 years ago, and in those 10 years Moledet has and continues to proudly wave two flags: the democratic flag, as well as the Jewish one, and this just shows again who are our brothers who so love to hate themselves like Roth."

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TO OUR READERS

Dr. Norman Spector yesterday announced his resignation as president and publisher of *The Jerusalem Post*. He will be returning to Canada as a columnist for *The Globe and Mail*, writing on provincial, national, and Middle East affairs.

The new management structure of the *Post* will include publisher Tom Rose, president Paul Staszewski, vice-chairman Avi Golan, and vice-chairman Hirsh Goodman, all of whom will be reporting directly to the chairman of the board, F. David Radler.

NEWS
in brief

Netanya policeman shoots burglar to death

A Netanya policeman last night shot dead a burglar he caught breaking into an apartment, after the thief pulled a gun on him, the Netanya police reported that the dead man was a known criminal. *Itim*

Ramle man seriously wounded near Juarish

A Ramle man was shot and seriously injured yesterday while seated in his car near the Juarish section. He was rushed to Assaf Harofeh Hospital in Tsrifin. A large number of police units were called to comb the area in search of the assailant. *Police believe that the motive behind the shooting was criminal.* *Itim*

Afghan-bound Israeli plane stalled in Tashkent

The Israeli plane carrying aid for the victims of the earthquake in Afghanistan, which left yesterday moring, was forced to land in Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan, because of the weather at its destination, Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

The Itim correspondent accompanying the flight reported that the Israeli delegation, headed by MK Ruby Rivlin, was to spend the night in Tashkent, before flying to Dushanbe this morning. *Itim*

Ateret Cohanim dig starts

The Antiquities Authority began work in Jerusalem yesterday on the controversial Ateret Cohanim site inside the Old City's Herod's Gate.

Antiquities Authority workers erected signs and fenced off the disputed area, while residents surrounding the area heckled them. The actual exploratory dig will begin today, to check if there are any ruins and at what level. City Hall will consider this week a request by Ateret Cohanim to build apartments at the site, although the peace group Ir Shalem has petitioned the High Court, saying there were irregularities when the Israel Lands Authority handed over the site to Ateret Cohanim. *Elli Wohlgelernter*

Ben-Porat won't get time for Tze'elim report

Knesset State Control Committee chairman Yossi Katz (Labor) announced today he would not initiate an amendment to the State Comptroller Law giving Miriam Ben-Porat three months after her retirement to complete her report on the investigation of the Tze'elim 2 training accident in which six soldiers were killed. Ben-Porat is due to retire on July 4 and will apparently not complete the report by then.

A suggestion had been made to grant Ben-Porat three months *after her retirement to complete the report according to the same* arrangement provided for retiring judges. Ben-Porat said she would be able to complete the report if she had another three months. The report will be completed by her successor, Eliezer Goldberg. *Dan Izenberg*

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Anti-Yassin leaflet causes stir

Hamas says PA or Israel authored it, Palestinians blame dissidents

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH, MOHAMMED NAJIB and news agencies

Hamas officials said yesterday that a leaflet signed by Izzadin al-Kassam criticizing Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmad Yassin for visiting Syria and Kuwait, was fabricated or instigated by Israel or the Palestinian Authority.

The leaflet distributed at An-Najah University in Nablus and in Gaza took issue with Yassin's trip to Kuwait where hundreds of Palestinians have been held *prisoner since the Gulf War. It argued* against his stop in Syria where thousands of Sunni Moslems were killed in the early 1980's.

"We call on Yassin and those who accompanied him in his visit to to wake up and open their eyes, because fighters cannot be bought off with money, and fighters don't sit in front of the cameras with oppressors," the leaflet said.

Ibrahim Ghosheh, the Hamas spokesman in Jordan, said the pamphlet showed the distress and foolishness of the PA over *Yassin's fundraising successes.*

Hamas official Mahmoud Zahar said that the leaflet was not authentic and that the organization would publish another one in response. "It is false, and it is Israel and it's collaborators who are responsible for the false leaflet," Zahar said.

PA officials denied the charges and said that the leaflet was 'circulated by Palestinians opposed to *Yassin's fundraising tour.*

According to Zahar, Yassin, who has raised millions of dollars on his tour, also plans to visit Pakistan, Malaysia and Iraq.

While on a visit to Sudan, PA Chairman Yasser Arafat said he had told Israeli officials that they should not prevent Yassin from returning to Gaza.

"Yesterday I spoke *with Israeli officials* and told them not to intervene ...Yassin is a Palestinian and we will permit him to return," Arafat said.

Palestinian sources said that Arafat would prefer to see Yassin return to Gaza where the PA leader could have more control over the cleric's actions.



Incitement is back

Posters of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu montaged with a kefiyeh, under the heading 'the liar,' were found in several Jerusalem neighborhoods yesterday. Kach announced it was responsible. The Dor Shalom movement, while urging the police to eradicate the incitement, said that if the police would fail to effectively confront the perpetrators it would do so itself. (Brian Hendler)

E. Jerusalem hosts human rights forum

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and MOHAMMED NAJIB

A four-day international human rights conference on "50 years of *human rights violations"* held its first session at the Ambassador Hotel in east Jerusalem yesterday.

The conference is focussing on the "catastrophe" that befell the Palestinian people with *the establishment* of the State of Israel and was organized by the Palestinian Society for the Protection of Human Rights and Environment (LAW) with participants from all over world attending.

Society director Khader Shukirat described the conference as *the most important event in* Jerusalem since 1948.

Because of the political deterioration resulting from the deadlock in negotiations, he said, the conference filled a void created by the current situation and formed a kind of solidarity movement for the Palestinian public.

Shukirat said the fact that the conference is being held in Jerusalem is a "smack in the face" of the Israeli government. He added that Israel prevented officials from Gaza, Jordan, Egypt, and Tunisia from participating.

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said the negotiations are at "a ıte stage," and thus he has ned from discussing the s in the full cabinet.

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Israel figures in Lebanon municipal vote

By HUSSEIN DAKROUB

JARJOU, Lebanon (AP) — Hizbullah guerrillas took turns yesterday leaving the front lines in southern Lebanon to vote in municipal elections that is likely to endorse their fight against *Israeli occupation.*

Candidates backed by the pro-Iranian Shiite Hizbullah group are contesting most of the 1,589 posts in southern Lebanon, a predominantly Shiite region.

"I voted for Hizbullah's candidates because they are defending our land and offering public services with or without municipal elections," said Umm Mohammed, a veiled mother of two children.

The roads from Jarjou and other villages in Iqlim al-Tuffah province were festooned with the Hizbullah's banners and flags as well as portraits of Iran's late revolutionary leader, Ayatollah Khomeini.

Iqlim al-Tuffah is a Hizbullah mountain stronghold that faces the security zone.

"Today's voting is part of the resistance against Israeli occupation," said Fawzi Darwish, a 34-year-old businessman in Jarjou, which is only 400 meters from Israeli outposts at Sojod. Darwish said he voted for pro-Hizbullah candidates.

No voting was held in the security zone.

Zeinab Khafaja, who lost her guerrilla brother to a battle against the Israelis, said it was her holy duty to vote for Hizbullah.

"It's a vote between the good and evil," said the 35-year-old mother of four.

Hizbullah fighters also participated in the elections, leaving *their weapons at the front line to* walk unarmed to the polling booths.

Guerrilla leaders rotated the fighters to make sure that the front *line* was not unmanned at any time, said Haj Adnan Naameh, a Hizbullah official, in nearby Jubaa, home to 4,000 people.

"The fighter has a *primary right* to vote," he said.

The front lines were generally quiet yesterday and voting was peaceful as troops in armored vehicles patrolled the villages and guarded polling stations.

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One of the unions representing ground personnel, the Communist-backed General Labor Confederation (CGT), warned Friday of a "spread of the conflict" unless Air France includes other airline workers in the talks.

A poll in yesterday's edition of Le Journal du Dimanche showed just 38 percent of those surveyed were sympathetic to the strike. In contrast, 79% of those polled backed truckers in a strike last fall.

The poll was carried out Friday by the CSA polling agency among *1,004 people. No margin of error* was given.

The strike has inconvenienced thousands, including foreigners fleeing the violence in Eritrea who had hoped to return to Europe on an Air France flight from Djibouti that was canceled yesterday.

Air France is the official World Cup carrier and is committed to transporting the teams from one venue to another.

The pilots are protesting pay cuts planned by Air France to save the 500 million francs a year the company says it needs to modernize.

The obstacles to an agreement are proposed salary reductions and a plan to give pilots stock in exchange for the pay cut, as well as a two-tier pay scale in which younger pilots earn less.

Only about 25% of Air France's flights are expected to take off today.

Trains are expected to run on schedule today, after strikes disrupted service this weekend. Trains conductors have threatened a walkout Wednesday.

Taxi drivers in Paris planned demonstrations today to protest the killing of a taxi driver last week. (News agencies)

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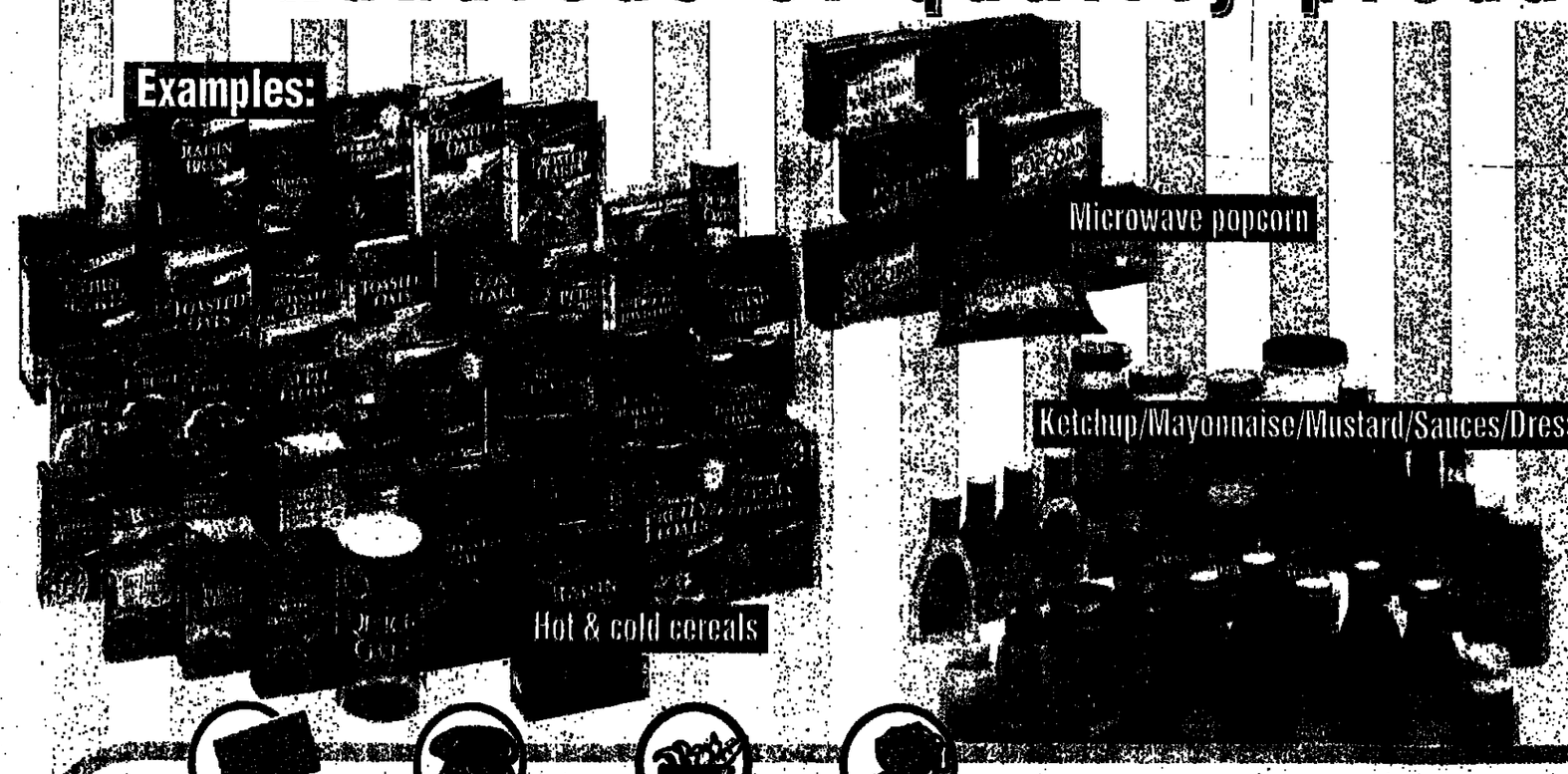
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Barak gets honorary degree

Supreme Court President Aharon Barak (right) accepts an honorary doctorate from Hebrew University President Menachem Magidor yesterday. Barak said that 'a change is taking effect in our political culture' and people are beginning to view the court as the proper vehicle for safeguarding democratic rights. (Isaac Harari)

PM backs Bazak over lie test

By HERB KEINON

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu gave his spokesman Shai Bazak full backing yesterday, amid reports that Bazak was not completely exonerated by a polygraph test used to investigate who leaked reports of the Mossad's bungled wire tap operation in Switzerland in February.

"I investigated a number of sources, including those in the media who dealt with the issue, and everyone I spoke to swore to me that the source [of the leak] was not Shai Bazak," Netanyahu told reporters. Netanyahu labeled Bazak "innocent" and said "we stand behind him."

The Knesset's subcommittee on security affairs, headed by Labor MK Yossi Katz, is scheduled to take up the matter today.

Israel Radio reported that a Security Services investigation of high ranking personnel in the Prime Minister's Office, including Communications Adviser David Bar-Illan, Foreign Policy adviser Uzi Arad, Cabinet Secretary Dan Naveh and Bazak, found that everyone passed the polygraph except for Bazak.

Bazak was reportedly tested twice by the polygraph, and the results were inconclusive – they did not determine that he was lying, but also did not show 100 percent that he was telling the truth.

Opposition MKs, led by Ofer Pines (Labor) and Yossi Sarid (Meretz), are calling for Bazak to suspend himself until he can be found completely clear of charges that he leaked the information.

Pines turned to GSS head Ami Ayalon and asked him to continue investigating the leak, which he labeled "an especially grave leak that damaged the security of Mossad agents and the state."

Pines accused the prime minister of "whitewashing" the issue. He said that the episode exploded soon after the bungled hit on Khaled Mashaal in Jordan, and that "there were those who suspected that the affair was intentionally uncovered in order to bring about the resignation of then Mossad head Danny Yatom."

Yatom resigned the night the alleged wire-tapping incident became public.

Israel Radio legal commentator Moshe Negbi yesterday termed polygraph tests "Russian Roulette."

"It is not right that suspicion should be cast on someone on the basis of the findings of an instrument which is in dispute," Negbi said.

Negbi said that a special committee set up by former supreme court justice Dov Levin found that the polygraph errs about 20 percent of the time.

"But for the person in that 20%, and that is possibly what happened to Shai Bazak, 20% is 100% denigration," he said.

Eitan: Polygraphs unreliable

By LIAT COLLINS and Jerusalem Post Staff

Science Minister Michael Eitan urged the public yesterday not to call for the dismissal of Shai Bazak, the prime minister's spokesman, on the basis of ambivalent lie detector test results.

Eitan who headed a parliamentary committee probing the use of polygraphs told Israel Radio yesterday that the device is not intended to unequivocally determine guilt or innocence. "This is not an absolute science," Eitan said.

He also noted the polygraph is not acceptable as evidence in court or as grounds to fire someone.

According to Eitan, the polygraph is useful as a means of checking someone who wants to work in a sensitive post or as an aid in certain inquiries, but is not effective for discovering the source of a leak.

Veteran polygraphist Ishaya Horowitz said in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* last year that the polygraph examination is more reliable than other investigative methods.

"Even if it's not 100 percent reliable, it is a tool which is more reliable than other investigation methods and is an accepted practice here for all those requiring security clearances," he added yesterday.

In January 1997, Attorney General Elyakim Rubinstein refused to submit to the General Security Service's demand to take a polygraph test before taking office.

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Hoter-Yishai's conviction overturned

By DAN IZENBERG and Itim

Tel Aviv District Court yesterday overturned the conviction of Israel Bar Association chairman Dror Hoter-Ishai on income tax evasion charges.

Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court had convicted Hoter-Yishai of helping his father conceal income from the tax authorities and sentenced him to six months' probation and a NIS 50,000 fine.

The three-judge panel ruled that the case was a legitimate disagreement between Hoter-Yishai and the tax authorities about the amount owed and that there was no intent to defraud the government.

They also took pains to point out that their decision could in no way be construed as criticism of Magistrate's Court Judge Ziva Hadassi-Herman, who, they said, "attempted to steer the trial, both in the evidentiary stage and in the stage after her verdict was delivered, through very story waters in a most professional manner."

Hoter-Yishai, at the time, had severely criticized the lower court's verdict.

After yesterday's reversal, he repeated his charges that the indictment had been a punitive measure by the judicial system because he had dared to criticize it.

"There is a debate in the judicial system as to whether everything is justiciable and whether the Supreme Court should function as the supreme legislator and supreme director-general of the state," he said in a statement.

"There is a problem in the judicial system. It is collapsing under the burden of its work and is not properly balancing between its duty to provide worthy and punctual judicial services to the public at large, and the desire of the heads of the system to deal more and more with determining the limits of the constitution, which has not yet been written. This mission is the responsibility of the legislature, not the judiciary, and the criticism we have raised on this matter is substantive and addresses the issue, not the personalities.

"The baseless indictment which was served against me for extraneous reasons and through the misuse of power, was meant to silence my criticism, to paralyze my activity in the public post to which I was elected by a large majority, and to assassinate my character. It is only fit that those responsible for this deed pay the price in order to cleanse the system.

"The erroneous way in which the verdict was handed down in magistrate's court only proves my argument that the proposals of the Supreme Court to modify the prerogatives of the courts will not solve the problem, but rather exacerbate it."

Haifa U. in $50m. expansion program

By DAVID RUDGE

Haifa University, where the number of students has already doubled in the past three years, is set to embark on a $50 million expansion program, particularly in the field of high technology.

Details were unveiled by Haifa University President Yehuda Hayuth at the university's 26th annual board of governors meeting, which began Saturday night.

The program includes the construction of new classrooms, research facility offices, laboratories and dormitories on 33,000 square meters of land on the university's Mt. Carmel campus.

Hayuth said the financing for the projects would come from donations from both here and abroad, including a donation of $4.5m. for the dormitories from Haifa businessman Gad Ze'evi.

"The tremendous development of the university in the past three years and the national effort to train people in computer science and high-tech professions obliges the university to adapt and expand and complete the preparations by the year 2,000," said Hayuth.

He told the board meeting that the international computer concern IBM had chosen to establish its world center for technological science at Haifa University.



Remembering a righteous gentile

Martha Wimburger points to her father Max Maurer's name on the list of righteous gentiles during a visit at Yad Vashem yesterday with her husband Joseph (right) and survivor John Weiner (left), who was saved by Maurer on April 27, 1945. Maurer, a member of the German police, saved Weiner and 12 other prisoners when 13 escaped prisoners from a death march from Buchenwald were turned over to the police with explicit instructions that they be shot. Maurer hid them in a barn until the American tanks rolled in the following day. After liberation, Weiner and a fellow escapee stayed with Maurer and his family for about eight months. (Text: Marne Rochester; Photo: Isaac Harari)

Underground fighters finally dialogue with UK

By HERB KEINON

Sitting in the Atlit prison in 1946, a commuted death sentence hanging over his head, 18-year-old Yosef Nahmias never dreamed he would see the day when a British ambassador would address a gathering of Jewish underground fighters.

That day arrived last Wednesday night, and Nahmias savored the moment.

"It felt great," Nahmias said of the Tel Aviv gathering for the jubilee of some 300 Hagana, IZL, and Lehi veterans who served time in British prisons here and in Africa during the pre-state days.

Among those in attendance were Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, and British Ambassador David Manning, representing the British government that 50 years ago imprisoned may of those at the gathering.

"Who dreamt that this would happen within a generation," said Nahmias.

Nahmias, an IZL member, was arrested for his part in blowing up a bridge on the "Night of the Bridges" on June 17, 1946, when all the bridges on the country's borders were blown up.

Nahmias was in the British Army at the time and was convicted of treason and sentenced to death. His sentence was commuted to six years.

He escaped from the Acre prison in 1947.

"It is no secret Britain and Israel share a complicated history," Manning told the gathering. "There is much we can celebrate together. But sometimes we have had opposing views and been on opposing sides. The last years of the Mandate were such a time and still cast their shadow.

"This period leaves us both with some biter memories. When we think of the Mandate, we tend to focus on our attempts at peacekeeping and peacemaking, and on our legacy of democratic government and the rule of law. For you, the focus is inevitably different: It is of internment camps, the *Exodus*, and the obstacles to Jewish settlement and independence.

"The 50th anniversary is a good moment both to recognize what happened, to reconcile ourselves to it, and to be reconciled to one another. It has long become a truism of Britain's post imperial history that yesterday's opponents have become today's friends. Old enmities have indeed been transformed. This does not mean that we can and should forget, it does mean we should be reconciled."

Although it was reported that some of those invited to the gathering refused to attend because of the participation of the British ambassador, most of the former prisoners have, indeed, become reconciled with their former captors.

"I don't believe anybody stayed away because of the British ambassador," said Eli Sheetrit, 72, who spent the years 1945-1948 in British lockups at Latrun and then Atlit for conducting reconnaissance for IZL. "It did not bother me that he was there. It was 50 years ago. They did their duty, and I did my patriotic duty."

NEWS
in brief

12-day remands for Givatayim shooting suspects

Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday remanded Chico Beit-Adah, suspected of involvement in a May 5 cafe shooting in Givatayim in which 11 people were wounded, for 12 days.

Beit-Adah, who turned himself in after fleeing the law for a month, is suspected of being the one who fired into the cafe as part of a plot to kill Roni Harari, the brother of reputed Ramat Amidar gang leader, Yossi Harari. Roni Harari was among those wounded in the attack.

The court also remanded Dotan Shukrun, another suspect in the shooting, for another 12 days. *Itim*

Man gets two years for drunk-driving death

A Tel Aviv District Court judge sentenced a Karmiel man yesterday to two years in prison for killing a woman whose car he struck with his commercial vehicle while driving while intoxicated. Judge Avigdor Mishali also confiscated the driver's license of Boris Ox, 39, and gave him an additional three-year suspended term.

The crash, in which Ora Even-Tsetur died, occurred in January 1997, while Ox was driving from Acre to visit a friend in Ashkelon. *Itim*

Man hospitalized after stabbed by wife

A man has been hospitalized in Nahariya Government Hospital after being stabbed by his wife during an argument at their home in Tarshiha on Saturday, police said. The wife, who was arrested, has been ordered by the Acre Magistrate's Court to stay at another village near Nahariya while police investigate the knifing. *David Rudge*

Dana International in court today

Eurovision Song Contest winner Dana International is expected to appear in court today to face charges of assaulting a waitress and another person in November 1995 during a performance at a Kapulsky coffee shop in Rishon Lezion.

The singer allegedly threw a bottle of mineral water at the head of one person and hit the other. The case is scheduled to come up in the Rehovot Magistrates Court which is reportedly beefing up security to cope with media interest and fans. *Liat Collins*

Matza heading team at UN anti-drug parley

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza was due to fly to New York last night to head the Israeli delegation to a special session of the UN General Assembly dedicated to the war on drugs. The heads of government of some 20 countries, including US President Bill Clinton and 10 prime ministers, will attend the three-day session. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu asked Matza to head the delegation, which incudes representatives of five ministries, the Anti-Drug Authority, and MK Eli Ben-Menahem, chairman of the Knesset Anti-Drug Committee. *Judy Siegel*

Children given TB vaccine in error

The Health Ministry is investigating an incident in which seventh graders in a Netanya school were mistakenly given anti-tuberculosis vaccine instead of a skin test for natural immunity against TB. The vaccine did not endanger them, but it does often cause side effects, such as swollen glands, that pass within two weeks. A ministry team will be sent to the Bar-Ilan School to offer explanations to parents and children. *Judy Siegel*

Breast reconstruction patient gives birth

A woman who underwent breast reconstruction with fatty tissue taken from her abdomen and pushed up under the skin to her chest has become the first here with this condition to give birth after the surgery. Rambam Hospital in Haifa reported that so far, 100 local women have had such reconstruction after being treated for breast cancer. Only a few cases of successful pregnancies after such surgery have been reported around the world. The 35-year-old woman had her baby girl two weeks ago. *Judy Siegel*

Soroka aids Russian boy who swallowed acid

Doctors at Soroka Hospital in Beersheba have come to the aid of a three-and-a-half-year-old Russian boy who was unable to eat for two months because he had swallowed acid which eroded much of his esophagus.

The boy, Nikolai Gobarev, was apparently brought here by relatives after Russian hospitals either could not treat his injuries or demanded a high fee for surgery. *Judy Siegel*

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Kosovo separatists call for full mobilization

By JOVAN KOVACIC

PRISTINA, Serbia (Reuters) – The Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA), locked in combat with Serbian police, appealed yesterday to all able-bodied ethnic Albanian men to join the battle for independence.

"The KLA calls on all men from 18 to 55 years to join in the struggle for the liberation of the country," it said in a statement published in the Albanian newspaper *Koha Ditore*.

The KLA also urged men who have fled with their families to neighboring Albania to return to fight.

Ethnic Albanians make up about 90 percent of the Serb province's 1.8 million people. More than 250 people have been killed since February in a crackdown by Serbian forces.

The last week of violence in western Kosovo has left scores, perhaps hundreds, of people dead and their villages razed after Serb security forces launched an operation to reopen roads once controlled by the KLA.

The clashes have unleashed a tide of refugees who trek across the mountainous border into Albania with harrowing accounts of bombings, bombardments and massacres.

None of the reports could be independently confirmed as the battle zone is sealed by both the Serbs and the KLA.

Towns like Bajram Curi in northern Albania have become outposts and recruiting centres for the KLA, which has evolved from a shadowy organization of a few hundred people into a force that controlled some 30% of Kosovo until last week.

The KLA – led by a Croatian army general who fought the Serbs in Herzegovina and other former Yugoslav officers – held sway over the strategic Pristina-Pec, Pec-Djakovica and Pristina-Djakovica roads.

The Serbs claimed their offensive dealt a severe blow to the separatist guerrillas but observers question how long Belgrade can sustain its show of force politically and economically.

The people of Kosovo, embittered by Serb brutality and the inefficiency of moderate Albanian politicians, have swelled the ranks of the KLA.

"I have no option now but to take a gun and join my people," a drama student said. "I have never thought there would come a day that I would want to kill another human being but this is what the Serbs have turned me into."

Thousands of people demonstrating in the provincial capital of Pristina this week chanted support for the KLA.

"They (the Serb police and the KLA) now feed off each other.

The Serb police have become the best recruiters for the KLA," a Western diplomat said.

"The more atrocity stories the people hear the greater is their frustration that nothing is being done to help them. The KLA is offering the only alternative they can see is working, if nothing other than to hurt back."

For most of the years since Serbia revoked Kosovo's autonomy in 1989, ethnic Albanian leader and president of the self-styled Kosovo republic Ibrahim Rugova sought independence through non-violent means.

"More and more Albanians are figuring out after 10 years of frustration that the 'turn the other cheek' policy has failed and are swelling KLA ranks," the diplomat said.

The KLA now threatens to eclipse Rugova's role as chief negotiator with the Serbs and the world. The guerrillas have also narrowed his ability to maneuver by insisting on independence.

The international community has backed Belgrade in rejecting independence as an option and is hoping to convince both sides to reach a compromise on enhanced autonomy for the province.

In another warning, the KLA said on Sunday that "all politicians must wholeheartedly support the KLA, to join the struggle and fight together."

"We must all be the KLA," it said. "Only that way we can save our people and liberate Kosovo with the least sacrifice."

Ertirean capital braces for renewed air raids

By MANOAH ESIPISU

ASMARA (Reuters) – The Eritrean capital braced for more air strikes yesterday after an Ethiopian deadline passed for hundreds of foreigners to fly to safety.

With no end in sight to the bewildering and undeclared war between the Horn of Africa neighbors, Asmara residents faced the real threat of more bombing raids from 7 a.m. local time, when Ethiopia's 13-hour suspension of raids ended.

The let-up allowed foreign nationals to board evacuation flights sent by the United States, Germany, Russia, Italy, Britain and the United Nations.

Ethiopian MiG fighters have hit Asmara airport three times since the war between the former comrades over a barren border area erupted on Friday.

Eritrea's tiny air force is no match for Ethiopia's aerial might inherited from the Soviet-equipped regime which the two neighbors jointly toppled in 1991.

The United States and Rwanda, close friends of the two belligerents, have failed to mediate a settlement or a cessation of hostilities.

Italy, the colonial master of both countries between 1936 and 1941, described the conflict as "absurd" on Saturday.

The departure of the last Italian aircraft – carrying Italian, South Korean and Germans of Eritrean extraction – ended the busiest night in the history of Asmara International airport since Eritrea ceased to be a province of Ethiopia and gained independence in 1993.

"This is the last flight for now. If the situation deteriorates further then we would have to review the position of embassy staff and other Italians still here," said Mario Baldi, Charge d'Affaires at the Italian embassy in Eritrea.

Airport staff estimated that up to 1,500 foreigners had left on board a dozen planes overnight. About 200 Ethiopians had also been flown out as a security measure against possible reprisals, airport staff added.

The United Nations pulled out all but five international staff.

"I'm very unhappy to leave. I did want to stay but when they attacked the airport then I knew it was time to go," said Julie Stewart of Columbus, Ohio, who had been teaching journalism at Asmara University.

Like many foreigners she feared heavy reprisals for Friday's strafing of streets in the northern Ethiopian town of Mekele by an Eritrean warplane. The 47 civilian victims, at least 10 of them children, were buried on Saturday as popular anger mounted in Ethiopia.

"Following the attacks on Mekele I expect the Ethiopians to bomb civilian targets in Asmara," Stewart said before she was evacuated.

Ethiopia's population of 60 million dwarfs Eritrea's by 15 to one. But both countries have huge armies by African standards and shared out an impressive arsenal of Soviet-bloc tanks, artillery and ammunitions after their victory in 1991.

Eritrea was rewarded with independence after a referendum in 1993, and the two countries enjoyed friendly relations until the sudden clash last month over a rocky 400 square km. triangle of land which both claim.

In public, the mood in both capitals was bellicose.

President Isaya Afewerki was hailed by crowds during a walkabout in Asmara on Saturday.

In Addis Ababa, some 800 kms. from the war zone, Prime Minister Meles Zenawi made no public comments but many Ethiopians demanded vengeance for Mekele.

"They (Eritreans) should pay for it and there should be no mercy," one office worker said.

The heads of Ethiopia's nine federal states said they had started mobilizing combatants to wage the war.

So far, Eritrea has shot down three Ethiopian warplanes for the loss of one. But there was almost no official or independent news from the border, where both sides have massed infantry, artillery and armor.

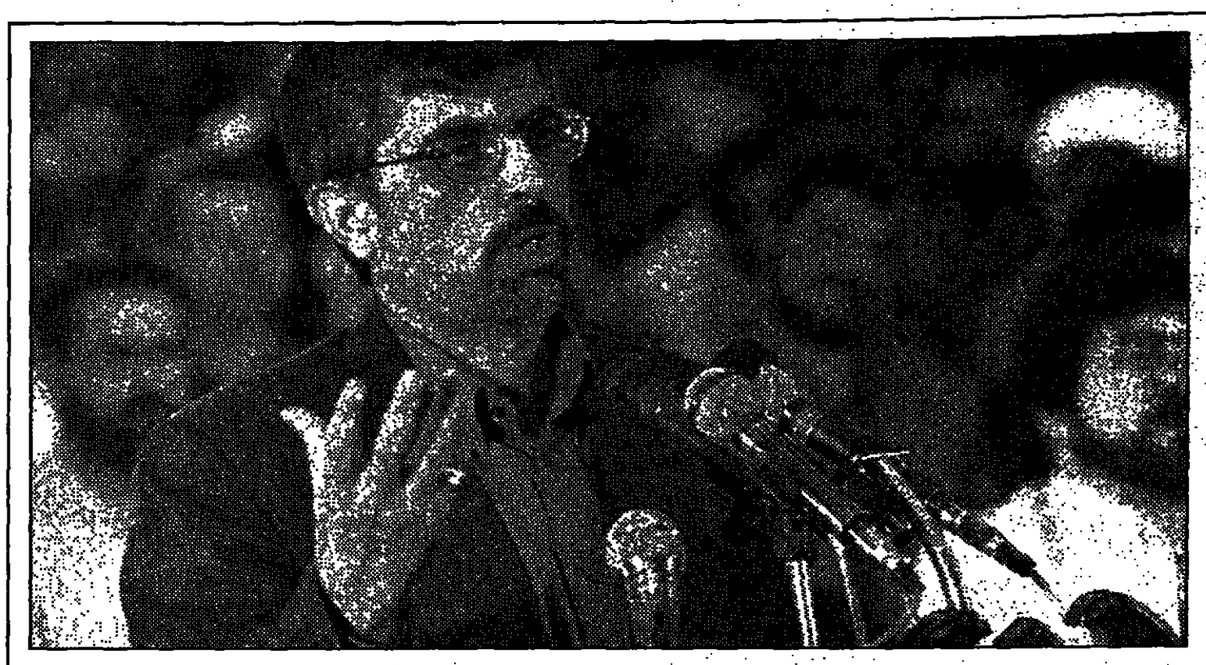
Italian President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro appealed for peace in a letter to the presidents of both nations and said all historical evidence showed there was no ambiguity about the border demarcation.

"What is happening, therefore, is absurd in all respects," he said.

"The two sides must...look at the underlying reasons for this situation, which could compromise for decades any prospect of battling the poverty of both countries," Scalfaro told the duelling neighbors.

The conflict was set to overshadow next week's annual summit in Burkina Faso of the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

But the pan-African body, which has its headquarters in Addis Ababa, has no track record of resolving major conflicts on the continent, particularly in the wake of a failed peace bid by the United States.



Mayor Gholamhussain Karbaschi during his corruption trial in the Imam Khomeini's legal complex in Teheran yesterday. 'In my view the court is not competent to handle this case,' he said. (AP)

Teheran mayor challenges Islamic court

TEHERAN (Reuters) – Teheran's embattled mayor went on trial for corruption yesterday and immediately challenged the court's competence to handle the case.

"In my view the court is not competent to handle this case...I don't accept any of the charges. They are all lies. But even before that, I retain the argument that the court is not competent to handle the case," Gholamhossein Karbaschi told the lone judge in a court responsible for handling cases against state employees.

Karbaschi, a close political ally of Iran's moderate President Mohammad Khatami, made his statement after the judge, with a judiciary official sitting beside him as an observer, listed the charges against him.

They were: embezzlement totaling more than 14.5 billion rials ($4.83 million) plus $90,000 and 140 gold coins, receiving bribes, mishandling public property, illegal possession of public property, and illegal conduct in government transactions.

Neither Karbaschi, wearing a blue suit and fingering a set of prayer beads as he spoke, nor his lawyers made any plea to the charges.

The arrest and detention of the moderate mayor, a popular figure in the Iranian capital, has sparked an open row between conservatives and moderates which has been brewing since Khatami's election in May 1997.

Karbaschi, 45, was freed from 12 days in Teheran's Evin prison in April after Khatami personally intervened with Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader.

The mayor was instrumental in mustering a rainbow coalition of support behind Khatami against three candidates backed by Iran's conservative Shi'ite Moslem clerical establishment.

He is accused of using public funds to support Khatami in the presidential campaign.

The mayor, in office for nine years, enjoys wide popularity for his ambitions plans to turn Teheran into a modern metropolis, which conservatives see as hurting their bazaar allies and promoting Western culture.

Supporters of the mayor say the charges are politically inspired, an allegation denied by the conservative-led judiciary.

National Geographic expedition finds 'USS Yorktown'

By ROBERT LEE HOTZ

The wreck of the aircraft carrier *Yorktown* — sunk during the battle of Midway at a turning point of World War II — has been located and photographed for the first time, five kilometers down on the Pacific Ocean floor, marine explorers said on Thursday.

A team of National Geographic researchers working with a San Diego-based US Navy deep-sea exploration unit released photographs of the carrier Thursday on the anniversary of the epic battle 56 years ago, when the *Yorktown* and four Japanese aircraft carriers were sunk during one of the most important sea battles of the 20th century.

Robert Ballard, best known for his discovery of the *RMS Titanic* in 1985, led the expedition.

Viewed through the video camera of the Navy's Advance Tethered Vehicle, or ATV, the giant ship appeared upright and well preserved 5,500 meters below the surface.

Its four-barreled anti-aircraft guns were still loaded and their muzzles still aimed skyward, Ballard said. The ship's name was easily visible on the stern and its stainless steel surfaces still shiny.

The sea pressure at such depths — more than a kilometer deeper than the *Titanic* came to rest — is so immense that the remotely controlled vehicle used to explore the site at one point simply imploded with the force of five sticks of dynamite, forcing Navy technicians to jury-rig repairs at sea.

"We had blown up our vehicle and we were in the middle of nowhere," said Ballard, president of the Institute for Exploration in Mystic, Connecticut. "It was a mad scramble."

Working from the US Navy research ship Laney Choest, the National Geographic team used a new sea-floor mapping system developed by the University of Hawaii to locate the wreckage on May 19.

The MR-1 mapper utilizes a portable side-scanning sonar to sweep broad swathes of sea floor. After weeks of fruitless searches, the carrier first appeared as a tiny smudge on the sonar image.

The actual exploration of the vessel, several hundred kilometers off Midway, was carried by a deep-diving undersea robot craft. The craft is operated by the Navy's submarine development group stationed at Point Loma, California.

The team had no trouble identifying the carrier by reading its name on the stern.

"What stands out in my mind the most is the bridge," Ballard said Thursday. "We were able to look right in the bridge and see the wheel and the compass. To see the shiny doors and the camouflage paint, it looked like you could scrub it and it would be like it was 56 years ago."

Finding the sunken carrier held special significance for Navy historians. The *Yorktown* was one of three US carriers left to defend the Pacific at the onset of World War II after the bulk of the American fleet was sunk at Pearl Harbor.

As part of a carrier task force, the *Yorktown* helped sink three Japanese carriers and fatally damage a fourth during an abortive invasion of Midway on June 7, 1942. The *Yorktown* itself was heavily damaged by Japanese torpedoes and sank soon after the battle, last seen by the thousands of sailors who served aboard it as it rolled upside down and slipped beneath the waves.

The poignancy of the discovery was heightened by the presence on board the research vessel of American and Japanese veterans of the historic battle: an American sailor who jumped overboard to safety as the *Yorktown* sank in 1942, an American flier who survived the attack on the Japanese carrier *Kagi*, and two Japanese pilots who served on the *Kagi* during the battle. Both were also veterans of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

The expedition robot left a memorial plaque by the wreck of the *Yorktown*. To memorialize the *Kagi* and its crew, the Japanese veterans also performed a Shinto ceremony near where the carrier was last seen.

The National Geographic Society put up $1.5 million for the expedition, in keeping with its long history of funding exploration activities.

Reflecting the intense public interest in Ballard's exotic deep-sea explorations and commercial competitive pressures, the Society is exploiting its newest historic discovery aggressively, skirting a line between scientific research and commercial entertainment.

In addition to a magazine article to be published next year, the National Geographic also commissioned a two-hour documentary by its television division, as well as radio documentary by the Radio Expeditions Unit, which is a joint venture between National Public Radio and the magazine.

The voyage was also documented with a series of electronic dispatches posted on the magazine's interactive web site.

A formal news conference was held in Washington Thursday. Contrary to its usual practice, however, National Geographic required the researchers to withhold all but one of the 1,000 still photographs taken of the sunken carrier, pending publication of the magazine feature. (Los Angeles Times)

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A comic-book view of the '80s



Adam Sandler plays a suburban crooner who makes a living serenading newlyweds at a local reception hall.

Movie Review



By Adina Hoffman

Light as a marshmallow and about as nourishing, *The Wedding Singer* is a silly but entertaining romantic comedy that stars Adam Sandler as a suburban crooner who makes a living serenading newlyweds at a local reception hall. When his own fiancee dumps him at the altar, his business goes bust: with a broken heart, he can no longer belt sunny love songs. Drew Barrymore, a cute waitress engaged to marry a big lug of a junk-bond trader, befriends him, and then it's just a matter of time before the pals do the usual and realize they were meant for one another.

THE WEDDING SINGER

★★★

Directed by Frank Coraci. Screenplay by Tim Herlihy. Hebrew title: *Zamar Hachatunot*. 96 minutes. English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested. With Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore, Christine Taylor, Allan Covert and Angela Featherstone

Director Frank Coraci and screenwriter Tim Herlihy understand the trifling nature of their material, and they do a good job of keeping things bubbly and proportional. Much of the humor here comes from the picture's comic-book approach to its time frame. The year is 1985, the clothes are tacky and everyone's hair looks awful – teased or permed past saving.

(Barrymore's appeal is all the more noteworthy, as she manages to look sweet and win us despite one of the worst hairdos in recent movie memory.) The dated music of that not-so-far-off era, too, plays a central role. In addition to a litany of Culture Club and J. Geils Band covers, we're treated to an amusing sequence in which Sandler's character performs an awful song he wrote when depressed, inspired by The Cure.

And though it is a bit disconcerting to see such recent fads already treated as the stuff of ancient history (the movie is likely to make even young people feel they've been around the block in the last 13 years), the filmmakers' exaggerated approach to their setting feels necessary. The story alone is too slight to sustain an entire picture, and by adding a bit of polyester sparkle, they give themselves more room to play.

Sandler and Barrymore, meanwhile, are both quite charming, though he's the one who keeps the film afloat while she does lots of adorable reacting. His flattened, slightly nasal speech gives way to a surprisingly gentle singing voice, and throughout the proceedings he walks a fine, funny line between nerd and hero. The film's better moments are those when he grabs the microphone and riffs, using the wedding singer role as a vehicle for his polished stand-up routine.

On the down side, some of the group scenes are too crude to really work, even in this broad cartoon context. The director seems to have been inspired by the over-the-top physicality of the ensemble sequences in *My Best Friend's Wedding*, questionably corny in their original context and outright insipid here. (He's also sloppy with the boom mike, which pokes its nose into the frame so often it practically deserves co-star billing.) Herlihy's script also sometimes leans a touch too heavily on coarse comic devices like the dirty-minded little old lady who sings rap (Ellen Albertini Dow), or the drunken loser of a best man (Steve Buscemi, uncredited), whose toast is one long, rambling insult to the bride and groom.

All in all, though, the movie is fun – and I use the word advisedly. It's a minor but amusing diversion, a pleasant enough way to pass an air-conditioned hour and a half.

NIO nixes Wagner

By Jerusalem Post Staff & Reuters

The New Israeli Opera shelved plans on Saturday to play a Wagner aria from *The Flying Dutchman* in a forthcoming program.

The idea was raised at the Tel Aviv Opera House during a discussion led by a panel of eight distinguished local scholars, musicians and academics, including Gottfried Wagner, the composer's great-grandson. (Last year Gottfried Wagner published a book that addressed his great-grandfather's antisemitic past.)

The discussion was attended by over 500 members of the public. Dozens of people walked out after the opera's musical director Asher Fisch raised the idea of performing the aria. Fisch dropped the proposal following the participants' angry response.

Neither Fisch nor the opera's spokeswoman would comment.

The ban on Wagner's music was imposed in 1938 following coordinated Nazi attacks on Jews in Germany.

Crazy carnival of fools

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Two goofy, gabbling clowns – Sean Foley and Hamish MacColl – the first still in his pajamas, the second in tails, explode in this convulsive mix of gags, gimmicks, mime, slapstick, sleight-of-hand and old-style music hall.

Imprisoned in an improbable bathroom, all baby blue and blush pink, these lovable loquacious mimes revel in a galaxy of inspired nonsense. The text, which they wrote together with director Josef Houben, is a direct descendant of the ever-English shaggy dog story and is compounded with blacker Beckett intimations to present, which has been tagged the "ultimate post-modernist comedy."

As much mind- as rib-tickling, this is a show that will keep audiences of all tastes and temperaments irresistibly in stitches. Houben, a graduate of Le Coq and Complicité, conducts this crazy carnival of fools with superb control and unbridled passion. *– Naomi Doudai*

The Sao Paulo Ballet company brings with it the flavors of that multicultural society, its colors and sounds, the warmth of its people and their open body language. The two works, *De Repente* and *Z*, provide ample opportunity for the supple dancers to show their high energy, fluidity and sensuous passion.

The first piece, set to the bittersweet tunes of Antonio Carlos Jobim, is of a care-free nature. The dances employ a modern dance vocabulary with some ethnic touches, and they are lovely.

Z has a more ambitious intention. It depicts the heritage that came with the slaves brought from Africa in the 16th century, who contributed to the cultural fabric of Brazil in their rhythms, the Capoeira dance (originally a martial art), and the Condomblé voodoo rites.

Senegalese choreographer Germaine Acogny uses these to develop her unique movement language. Unfortunately, her exaggerated use of whips, sounds of sobs and cries of the poor slaves treads the border of kitsch and is quite offensive.

– Ora Brafman

TODAY AT THE FESTIVAL

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Rebecca Crown – Arab-language children's theater, *The Tale of the Hoopoe*, 5 p.m.

Plaza – *Laughing with Children*, clowning and giant puppets, 6 p.m; African Roots, ethnic music, 7:45 p.m; Golden Oldies from Maria Lukac and the Reiffer Sisters, 9 p.m.

Foyer – Then and Now, jazz vocals and instrumentals, 10:30 p.m.

Capricious DiCaprio wields star power

By AMY WALLACE

Has Leo gone "psycho"?

That's what Hollywood wags are wondering in the wake of a series of contradictory announcements about Leonardo DiCaprio's commitment – or lack of it – to play a serial killer in the film version of Bret Easton Ellis's novel *American Psycho*.

Last month at the Cannes International Film Festival, Lions Gate Films announced with great fanfare that the 23-year-old heartthrob – and perhaps the world's hottest movie star coming off *Titanic* – had agreed to take the lead in the controversial project.

Then came the backlash: *Daily Variety* reported that by turning the low-budget film into a big-ticket project, DiCaprio (who was offered $21 million) had effectively caused Lions Gate to ditch two people who were attached to the film: actor Christian Bale and director Mary Harron.

DiCaprio apparently wasn't pleased by the report. The next day his publicists suddenly denied that he had ever committed to the project in the first place – though they had been silent for the two weeks since Lions Gate's announcement.

"They jumped the gun," publicist Cindy Guagenti said of Lions Gate. "He was approached about the project, he's interested, but they have not negotiated the contract at all. He may do the project or he may do another project."

The announcement and the skin-back jump-started the continuing debate about what it means to be "attached" to a movie project. The back-and-forth also said much about the mammoth power of A-list movie stars to transform the films with which they are connected. But mostly, the story shone a light on the workings of the industry's publicity machinery.

Publicizing which stars have committed to upcoming movie projects is an age-old tradition in Hollywood. More than mere bragging, these announcements affect production companies' ability to finance their films.

If a big-name star with worldwide recognition is committed to a project, it is easier to pre-sell the foreign distribution rights, bringing in cash before the film is even made.

Most observers are less interested in the initial burst of publicity than in the awkward way DiCaprio attempted to distance himself from the fray. By equivocating – saying not that he would never commit to *American Psycho*, only that he had not done so yet – he reduced his own spin doctors to making even more confusing clarifications. And in this insular community, where perceptions are often as important as reality, such suspicions – even if they are unfounded – could be damaging to DiCaprio.

Harron wrote and directed the acclaimed low-budget film *I Shot Andy Warhol*, about the radical feminist who tried to kill Warhol in 1968. Two years ago, Harron was approached to write and direct the film. She said at the time that everyone involved felt it was "safer" to have a woman at the helm because Ellis's violent tale had raised the hackles of women's groups. Harron and Guinevere Turner co-wrote the screenplay, making it more of a social satire of the 1980s and less a catalog of brutal killings.

Harron's first choice for the lead role of the yuppie serial killer was Bale, who stars in Miramax's upcoming film *Velvet Goldmine* and with whom she had developed the character.

A source close to the negotiations confirmed that DiCaprio will have some say in which director is hired. One source said that Lions Gate executives pushed Harron aside because she had expressed reservations about working with DiCaprio.

(Los Angeles Times)

Carmen with blood & guts

By HELEN KAYE

When he was a little boy, choreographer Salvador Tavora would curl up beside his great-grandmother's rattan armchair and listen to her stories – tales of the years she worked in Seville's cigarette factory. Her name was Carmen "like that other Carmen, the one who rebelled against the social conventions that threatened her freedom and her independence," Tavora has written.

On Friday, Tavora's coruscating flamenco *Carmen* opens at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center with Lalo Tejada in the title role, and danced by Tavora's La Cuadra de Sevilla, the company he founded in 1971.

Tavora has created many memorable ballets, including *Piel de Toro* (1985-87) inspired by Iberian rituals, or the 1979 *Andalucia Amarga*, which celebrated his own native region.

But his *Carmen* is special and different.

It is Andalusia, he says – its rhythms, its songs, its pain, its blood-soaked ground, its passion, its beauty and its people.

The way Tavora sees it, Bizet's *Carmen*, itself based on Prosper Merimée's novel, does an artistic disservice to Carmen the woman.



La Cuadra de Sevilla's 'Carmen' opens at Tapac on Friday.

How could Merimée's hedonistic courtesan compare with the tough-minded and independent workers of the cigarette factories?

Tavora is not the first artist whom Carmen's story has seduced. There's Carlos Saura's stunning film version, for example, with the magnetic Christina Hoyos as Carmen.

Salvador Tavora has added his great-grandmother's memories to the tragic triangle of Carmen, the soldier Don José and the toreador, Escamillo.

One of the ballet's most sensuous and dramatic moments occurs when Carmen dances with a white horse.

Tavora's Carmen is not the romanticized heroine of what he calls Bizet's operetta world of whores, soldiers, robbers and gypsies. She's a hard-working girl, like his great-grandmother, with blood and guts, and her story is driven "by the passion for freedom for which she loved and died."

New head for ICO

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Spanish maestro Salvador Mas Conde has been appointed music director of the Israel Chamber Orchestra starting in September. His predecessor Philippe Entremont becomes Laureate Conductor of the orchestra. Hopefully the ICO will play as few concerts as possible with Entremont because he seems quite unable to inspire the musicians, who in the past few years played several very miserable concerts.

Mas Conde has a tough job ahead of him. He has to breathe new life into what was one of the leading Israeli ensembles but which in recent years played with no enthusiasm. He will need all the help he can get from the musicians – if the ICO does not improve, it will probably have to close down.

The new music director opens the new season in September with a world premiere by ICO composer in residence Oded Zehavi and music by Haydn and Mendelssohn. He will also lead the orchestra in four more programs and hopefully will conduct more concerts in years to come, because the only way a music director can shape an orchestra is by spending many weeks with his musicians, not just saying hello on occasional visits.

The ICO features three series of subscription concerts next season. The five concert Orchestra and Soloist series is the least interesting one, featuring the premiere of Menahem Wiesenberg's concerto for percussion, dancer and chamber ensemble with Chen Zimbalista and Ido Tadmor, but other than that a repertoire far less intriguing.

The five-concert Portrait series has an exciting Stravinsky concert, an interesting concert of the music of the young Brahms and less interesting portraits of Telemann, Mozart and Beethoven.

The most promising series, as usual with the ICO, is the vocal series featuring Peter Maxwell Davies's oratorio *Job*, Handel's *Judas Maccabaeus*, Britten's *Les Illuminations* and Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* among many others. This is a series in which almost each concert promises to be an exciting musical experience.

Some interesting ICO soloists next season include sopranos Helen Donath and Nancy Argenta, mezzo soprano Enda Prochnik, baritone Kevin McMillan, narrator Moshe Beker and duo-pianists Ya'ara Tal and Andreas Groethuysen. Facing the orchestra on the podium will also be Nicholas Kraemer, Jonathan Webb and Yoav Talmi.

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A post-political Histadrut

The bizarre coalitions running in tomorrow's Histadrut elections signal the ultimate victory of former chairman Haim Ramon's campaign to "depoliticize" the once legendarily omnipotent labor-union federation.

Ramon's revolution successfully liberated the Histadrut from being simply a tool of the Labor Party.

But five years later the organization co-founded by David Ben-Gurion has been so badly marginalized that it is even far from representing the larger interests of its very own hard-core members in a dynamic global economy.

It has long been noted that Israel is in the midst of an ideological meltdown.

In an era when many scratch their heads wondering just what substantive differences separate the Likud and Labor, along come the Histadrut elections, mixing supposed rivals together into one amorphous soup.

Current Histadrut chairman, and Labor MK, Amir Peretz – who inherited his post from Ramon when the latter joined the Shimon Peres government following Yitzhak Rabin's assassination – heads a ticket representing the Labor, Likud, Shas, Yisrael Ba'aliya, and the Democratic Arab Party. Peretz's major opponent is Gesher MK Maxim Levy, who heads a joint Gesher-Meretz list.

Never before has the adage that politics makes strange bedfellows been more apt.

Peretz is expected to win about two-thirds of the vote, a victory that would mean the Likud representatives in his coalition will have officially broken into what was an exclusively Labor stronghold for 78 years. The involvement of Likud union activists in the last major Histadrut strikes in December paved the way for this development.

For his part, Peretz is not shy about defending the Likud role in his coalition, pointing out that it allows him to refute claims that Histadrut strikes are "political" attempts to undermine the ruling coalition.

It is true that the stripped-down, post-Ramon Histadrut has become more like a normal trade union. As Ramon put it, the Histadrut "has finally come into line with unions in Western Europe... Political parties have no role in the unions in those countries. This was only the case in the Soviet Union and in Israel."

To be sure, the depoliticization of the Histadrut, though not complete, is a welcome phenomenon. It is obviously not complete, because the principal candidates in this week's election are both full-fledged, professional politicians, and the machines behind them are still political. Indeed, the separation of unions from parties is a sign of separation of economics from the government, another positive trend that should continue.

Some, like Hebrew University Prof. Avraham Friedman, are concerned that as the Histadrut becomes a more normal union, it will be "concerned only with getting better wages and conditions for its workers," rather than representing a broader constituency of the poor and unemployed.

The question, however, is whether the Histadrut's self-declared "socialist" orientation represents either the broader, narrower, or any universal interpretation of workers' interests.

If anything, the tragedy of the Histadrut election is not that it is post-ideological, but that it is uni-ideological.

According to Peretz, without the heads of the big workers committees, "who are all associated with the Likud," the Histadrut's last big strike would have failed. "For me," he concluded, "they are the real socialists; whoever votes Likud for the Knesset while living from the sweat of his brow is more of a socialist than the stockbroker who is a member of the Labor Party."

Levy, himself an old hand at such class-baiting rhetoric, clearly presents no ideological alternative to Peretz. The problem, therefore, is not that the Histadrut is narrowing its focus to its workers' interests; that is the proper role of a union. Rather, the problem is that one bankrupt ideology – socialism – is still taken for granted across the political spectrum as the embodiment of workers' interests.

To truly represent its own constituency, whether broadly or narrowly defined, the Histadrut must wake up to the fact that we are living at the end of the 20th century. The Israeli economy, like almost every other "emerging market," is making the painful transition from an economy dominated by government and labor-intensive industries, to a service- and high-tech dominated free-market economy that must compete in the global marketplace.

In such a transition, the role of unions should not be to simply prostrate themselves on the train tracks of change. Rather, they should fight for policies that are both sensible and humane, such as more funding for retraining programs and for growth-stimulating investments in infrastructure and education.

Competition and privatization should not be considered dirty words, but necessary measures that unions can help craft in their members' interests. The next step toward a truly "new" Histadrut is not just jettisoning the politics, but also the stale ideologies of its past.

A two-man race

URIEL LYNN

Despite the efforts to repeal the law that mandates the direct election of the prime minister, I allow myself to predict that in the coming elections the prime minister will again be elected under the present law.

True, the movement to repeal the law has gained momentum and more members of Knesset are joining the effort, but the recent passage of the law in the preliminary reading is only the beginning of the battle: Repeal of the law would require a clear majority of 61 MKs in the first, second and third readings.

Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo's declaration that he will run for prime minister in the framework of a third party, created – within the media and the political arena – the notion that in the next elections there will be more then two candidates.

This is a wrong assumption. On election day, there will be no more than two candidates, exactly as we saw in the last election. In spite of the fact that the law allows any person who has the support of at least 10 MKs or 50,000 citizens to offer his candidacy, the political reality is such that at the final stage of the first round, there will not be more than two candidates.

A third prime ministerial candidate – and at the first stage there may be a few of them – will know all too well that he has no chance of winning

Israel does not have a real center. We have Right and center headed by the Likud, and Left and center headed by Labor.

The election of the prime minister is like the election of a president in other countries. It is very different than the elections to the Knesset, because each voter must make a choice between backing a Left-led government or a Right-led government. A third choice does not exist, as there is not a wide enough political base to allow a candidate who represents the religious parties or the pure center the possibility of gaining more then 50% of the total vote.

The public knows this, which is why the election of the prime minister is highly polarized. If a new candidate who does not belong to either of the large parties runs, he will be seen as taking votes from the center to either the Left or the Right.

A voter, for example, who supports the Right and gives his vote to a candidate who belongs to the Right, but is not the Likud candidate, is strengthening the candidate of the Left. Of course, it also works the same way if more than one candidate runs from the Left.

AS we saw in the last election, in order to win the office of the prime minister, the Right and its supporters from the center, and the Left and its supporters from the center must make all possible efforts to solidify their respective camps. Any split or division of votes within one bloc means the possible victory of the opposing side and the loss of all chances to be part of the government.

Individuals can cast their votes once for prime minister and once for the party of their choice, but they know that their vote for the prime minister is the one that can determine the future of the government.

Because of this polarization, no political figure of real stature will risk his political future by running as a third candidate for the highest office. If MK David Levy's Gesher party had run independently in the last election, it might have garnered two, three or maybe more seats in the Knesset, but as a candidate for prime minister he would have run the risk of getting no more the half a percent.

Such a result would have been unavoidable, and it would have been a devastating humiliation – possibly even the end of his political career.

People who devote so many years to their political careers do not tend to give it all up on a single act of futile heroism, not even for doubtful passing glory. The same rule applies to Milo, and to any other candidate who has devoted his life to gaining political status and power.

Some political analysis will draw attention to the fact that in order to win the elections to the premiership a candidate must have over 50% of the total vote, therefore, if a third candidate with any substantial public support runs, the result will be that the elections will not be decided at the end of the first round.

I doubt if this is a solid argument. All efforts are made to win the election at the first round, and any possible third candidate will be identified either as supporting the Left or the Right.

Any potential third candidate – and at the first stage there may be a few of them – will know all too well that he has no chance of winning; beyond that, he will know that he may destroy the chances of the major candidates with whom he identifies more. Therefore, his best chances are to join forces with the candidate of his choice and to be properly – or improperly – rewarded.

The writer is a former MK who chaired the Knesset Law Committee.

Dry Bones



The new threat of nuclear terrorism

YONAH ALEXANDER

The spectacular 11 nuclear explosions in South Asia have not only ignited fears of a regional arms race with grave implications for global non-proliferation and disarmament; they have also raised the specter of both conventional and unconventional terrorism. With a direct affect on both India and Pakistan, other states including Israel and the United States are also bound to bear the repercussions exacerbated over the last three weeks.

The consequences of these eventualities are potentially ominous. On one level, "routine" terrorism on the sub-Indian continent will continue and even escalate considerably; since India's first test we have already seen numerous attacks.

Hijackers apparently protesting reported plans by Pakistan to test a nuclear device in Baluchistan, seized a Pakistan International plane with more than two dozen passengers aboard before a successful rescue mission by Pakistani commandos thwarted the terrorists.

In India's restive state of Kashmir, a bomb recently exploded in a crowded market, killing a child and injuring nine others, with no specific group claiming responsibility.

The "Islamization" of Pakistan's nuclear capability, underscored by the remarks of the Iran's Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi during his recent visit to Pakistan, will further encourage extremist Islamic groups such as the Pakistani-based Harkat-Ul-Ansar, to intensify their attacks.

Islamic-motivated terrorism is also likely to target Israel and its strategic ally the United States because of their alleged pro-Indian "involvement." There have been suggestions in the Arab media that Israel has assisted Indian nuclear research. Moreover, Pakistan has charged that Israeli F-16s were on the verge of targeting its nuclear installations from India.

Iran, the leading state sponsor of terrorism, has publicly claimed that "Moslems throughout the world will feel more confident now that Pakistan has nuclear weapons, because it will help balance Israel's nuclear capability."

The threat of "super-terrorism" is seen by many experts as plausible and by others as inevitable

This "linkage" is likely to spearhead a new wave of Islamic terror whose international "long-arm" can most probably strike anywhere as we have witnessed in attacks on the Israeli embassy and the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, New York's World Trade Center and the United States' military barracks in Saudi Arabia.

WHAT is of particular concern is the likelihood that the nuclearization of the long-standing Indo-Pakistani rivalry could trigger a nuclear incident involving indigenous terrorist groups. This possibility can be viewed as a more imminent danger than a nuclear war between the antagonists.

The threat of "super-terrorism" – which could involve the explosion of a nuclear device, the use of fissionable material as a radioactive poison, and the seizure and sabotage of nuclear facilities – is seen by many experts as plausible and by others as inevitable.

At this time, however, a credible threat or hoax involving a nuclear device; the holding for political or economic blackmail of a reactor or other nuclear facility; or the truck-bombing of a reactor, may be the most likely form of nuclear terrorism.

Certain conditions could provide terrorists with an incentive to raise the ante. Relevant regional examples could include ethnic differences which might allow dehumanization of the intended victims; religious fanaticism which might in the view of the terrorists be sanctioned by God; or perceptions that the cause is lost and hence recourse to "ultimate weapon" is justified.

While the probability of a serious and successful nuclear terrorist episode remains low, the consequences in terms of mass destruction could be enormous. For example, if a crude, 1-kiloton nuclear device (one thirteenth the size of the Hiroshima bomb) were detonated (having either been stolen or built by a terrorist group with exceptional resources and talent) in a major city, it could cause more than 100,00 fatalities and damage totaling billions of dollars.

The human, physical, and psychological consequences of such an incident would be far more catastrophic than those of the Three Mile Island incident in the United States (where there was no detectable loss of life but considerable financial damage) and the Chernobyl accident in Ukraine (which was caused by operators who overrode safety systems in a negligent but non-malicious manner) which killed several dozen people outright, injured, or killed thousands of others, and caused severe property losses and untold damage to the environment.

In light of the growing crisis in South Asia, there is no greater challenge to the international community than the prevention of nuclear terrorism in the wake of what has become a Third World arms race.

The policy choices that India and Pakistan as well as other concerned states make, will determine what sort of world we will inhabit in the 21st century.

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Clinton's China grovel

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

On Friday, May 15, with much fanfare and import, the State Department sent a "high-level delegation" to persuade Pakistan not to explode a nuclear bomb.

So much for American persuasiveness.

Perhaps there was nothing we could have done. But after India exploded its bomb, President Clinton tried to muster international pressure on India in order to assuage Pakistan and keep it from responding in kind.

What happened? At the G-8 summit in London, Clinton struck out. He asked the other leading powers to join him in sanctions against India. His G-8 friends smiled politely and issued a statement distinguished in its feebleness. It was no surprise, given that this president is all entreaty and no enforcement.

After all, at the very same summit he caved on the issue of sanctions against Iran. And Iran is a really bad actor; India, after all, does not celebrate "Death to America Day." Yet in London, Clinton agreed to forgo sanctions against three oil companies (Russian, French and Malaysian) for concluding a huge natural gas development deal with Iran. He also weakened the Cuban boycott in deference to the Europeans, who find Castro more entertaining and/or admirable than we do.

After Clinton's humiliation on Indian sanctions, Pakistan's response was foreordained. The Pakistani leadership had to decide which offered better protection against India's nuclear arsenal: words of assurance from Strobe Talbott or its own nuclear deterrent.

Clinton's subsequent criticism of Pakistan showed why the choice was obvious: "By failing to exercise restraint and responding to the Indian test, Pakistan lost a truly priceless opportunity to ... improve its political standing in the eyes of the world." What is Pakistan to make of such patent nonsense? That nuclear vulnerability represented a "priceless opportunity" to look good? In the eyes of whom? Bill Clinton? India?

Clinton really does live in a fantasy world very much a reflection of his own political experience. In that world, courting favor with others trumps everything. But in the real world inhabited by Pakistan, a nation bordered by a hostile, populous, heavily armed neighbor, popularity simply doesn't rate compared with national security.

Clinton is guilty of more than mere fatuousness, however, in dealing with the India-Pakistan nuclear arms race. He is guilty of fueling it. While for years his administration has claimed deep concern about proliferation, Clinton has shamelessly courted the world's worst proliferator of weapons of mass destruction: China.

China purveyed nuclear power to Algeria, poison gas to Iran and, most ominously, nuclear technology to Pakistan. We winked. Why? Because not since Calvin Coolidge has an American administration lived more by the credo that the business of America is business.

The American president has fueled the South Asian nuclear arms race

CLINTON'S China policy is born of a combination of diplomatic myopia and political cynicism. The single most important consideration has been the promotion of trade and exports.

Rather than seeing China as a potential rival, a rising superpower, a notorious proliferator and a potential destabilizer, Clinton sees nothing more than a market. For Clinton, it's the economy, stupid – always.

This view, as with all of Clinton's views, dovetails perfectly with his political needs. The Chinese market became a giant prize to be auctioned off to the highest bidder, with proceeds going to the Democratic National Committee.

Clinton contracted out China policy to Ron Brown, who in turn sold it in pieces to various political and financial supporters. Coveted seats on his trade missions to China and everywhere else went to big Democratic contributors like Bernard Schwartz of Loral Corp.

And when the Justice Department objected to a Loral satellite launch in China, Clinton himself overrode it. The fact that Schwartz was the DNC's number-one contributor in the 1996 election cycle (more than $600,000) is, of course, but a fortunate coincidence. Clinton's China grovel will be most spectacularly dramatized by his visit to Tiananmen Square later this month.

But it was heralded much earlier, when on April 29 Secretary of State Albright spoke with satisfaction of the "strategic partnership" the United States was building with China.

There is nothing quite like a US-China strategic partnership to put the fear of God in India. This is not to say that there were no domestic reasons for India and then Pakistan to go nuclear. But to the extent that Clinton has a foreign policy – apart from a trade and political-contribution policy – it was blind to the implications of its open embrace of China. We now are reaping the consequences, even as Clinton scratches his head trying to figure out why bad things happen to good people.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BEHIND THE STOCK EXCHANGE

Sir, – It is hard to imagine who might be dumber: the government, in thinking they can sell less than 50% of El Al stocks and call it "privatization," or those members of the public who actually purchase such stocks.

First of all, despite Transport Minister Shaul Yahalom's clumsy attempts at obfuscation, El Al's not flying on Shabbat (neither do I, personally) causes a direct $50 million loss in revenue, as determined by completely independent surveyors, with no Jewish or Israeli ax to grind.

If you play your cards right you can help cover this loss three ways: Buy El Al stock, pay your taxes, and fly El Al at a higher ticket price.

The rest of my thesis is as follows:

1. Israeli law does not mandate voting privileges exclusively on common stock. Thus, you can own more than half the equity of a company, yet have no say whatsoever in defining its policy, nor can you throw out the directors and install your own.

2. Since few Israeli companies feel obligated to pay a dividend, the only way you can realize a profit is by finding some sucker to buy the stock from you at a higher price. Ultimately, the balloon bursts, as we have so painfully discovered in the past.

3. Because there is no capital gains tax such as is found in the rest of the capitalist world, speculators and insiders can make fortunes on small fluctuations which they themselves may have initiated.

4. The suspicion lingers in some circles that the banks still have the ability to manipulate the exchange to their own advantage.

Is there anyone out there who can refute my suspicions? Why do I have the feeling that it's actually worse than I have stated?

TREVOR DAVIS
Asseret

VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT

Sir, – A modern, developed, democratic society can be proud of its unfettered license to speak and print, if it practices voluntary restraint. Not everything that can be said, should be said and not everything that can be printed should be published.

In our society, however, no such restraint exists. From our leaders, down, the amount of rubbish spoken or printed defies description.

I would expect that a newspaper that claims to have some standards, would stop publishing Jonathan Rosenblum's malicious articles.

DR. ELIAHU HOFFMAN
Tel Aviv.

STEALING OUR CUSTOMS

Sir, – The Palestinian Arabs have succeeded over the years in stealing their whole rhetoric from us. They have determined their very recent history by adopting and truncating our very long history. The language is all there: Diaspora, Return, The Land, Holocaust, Auschwitz, Nazi. They even claim our archaeological finds as theirs.

The icing on the cake came when they had a two-minutes silence on the May 14 (our Gregorian Independence Day) – they have now started stealing our Israeli customs which are not intrinsically Jewish and certainly not Arab.

EALLAN HIRSHFELD
Ra'anana.

SCOOTER DAYS

Sir, – Amy Klein's article "On a limb – an everyday adventure" (May 21) reminded me nostalgically of my scooter days long ago.

Today, when I am stuck in a long traffic jam in my four-wheeler, and I see the two-wheelers passing to the front of the queue, I involuntarily say to myself – Betta Getta Vespa.

RACHEL RASBASH
Ramat Efal.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On June 8, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported that British prime minister Mr. Ramsey MacDonald opened an Anglo-Palestine exhibition in London, paying warm tribute to the fine qualities of the Jewish workers and their achievements in developing their homeland.

50 years ago: On June 8, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that 80 Jewish girls taken prisoner by the Arab Legion in the Gush Etzion battles were returned to Israel.

Jerusalem was shelled and mortared for the 24th consecutive day.

The US instructed their occupation authorities in Europe that the Jewish Agency representing Israel would be the official organization responsible for moving displaced persons to Israel.

25 years ago: On June 8, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported the speech made by the German chancellor Willy Brandt in Jerusalem in which he said he hoped that Israel and the Arabs would reach conciliation and encouraged a movement toward peace.

Alexander Zvielli

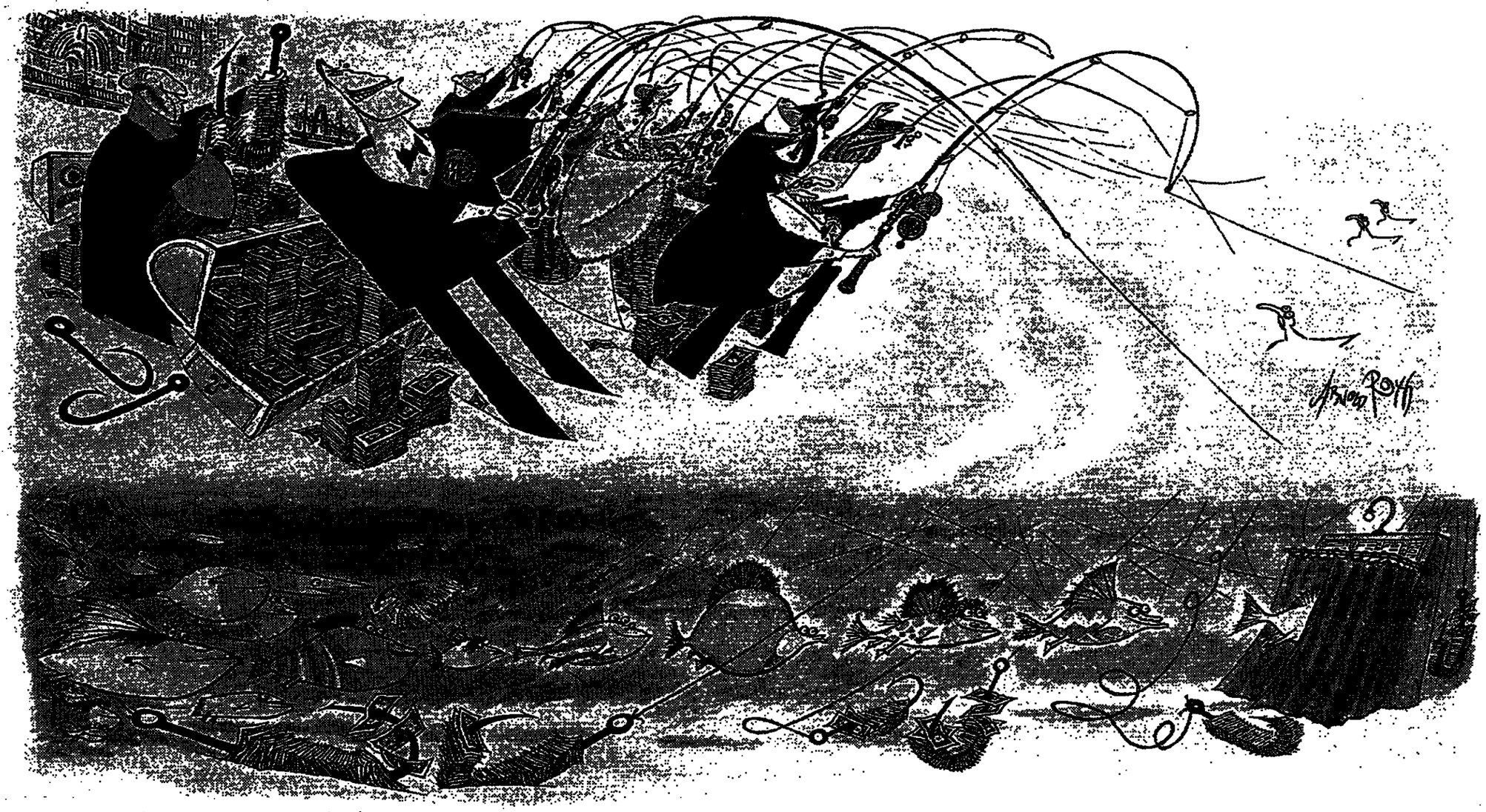
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Fish Story

Money Politics Wasn't Defeated in California



By TODD S. PURDUM

LOS ANGELES

"MONEY is the mother's milk of politics," is the maxim coined by Jesse M. Unruh, the liberal Democrat who reigned as Speaker of the California State Assembly in the 1960's, and indeed, cash has always been an essential commodity in campaigns. The primary in California last week was the most expensive statewide election in American history, with $100 million spent on races for governor, United States senator and a handful of ballot propositions.

But a funny thing happened: The rich guys lost.

The resounding defeat of Al Checchi, a half-billionaire businessman who spent $40 million of his own money in the race for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, brought forth a certain populist euphoria — a new conventional wisdom across the land that even in flashy California, money can't buy you voters' love.

But tempting as it might be in light of current campaign-finance scandals to conclude that voters rejected the corrosive power of money in politics, the reality is considerably more complex, and less uplifting.

For one thing, the winning candidate, Lieut. Gov. Gray Davis, a 23-year veteran of state politics, is himself a relentless fund-raiser, one often accused of blending his campaign-finance outings with his official duties. And even if he seemed a pauper compared to Mr. Checchi, his campaign spending still broke the old $9 million record for a gubernatorial primary campaign here, set in 1994.

Furthermore, a contrary example of the power of money loomed just as large here last week: A $20-million campaign by organized labor managed to defeat a ballot measure that would have required unions to obtain annual written consent of their members before using dues for political purposes. The measure was favored in early public opinion polls, but its opponents outspent supporters 3 to 1, and union members went to the polls in unusually large numbers, helping Mr. Davis in the process.

Log Cabins and Pork Rinds

There isn't much evidence that the rules of wealth and politics have dramatically changed. Since at least the days of Andrew Jackson, Americans have been ambivalent toward the wealthy in politics, celebrating the triumph of log cabin little guys and viewing elites with suspicion. Still, wealthy candidates, from Roosevelts to Kennedys to Rockefellers to Bushes, have often been elected, though generally when they managed to cloak their wealth in a populist noblesse oblige and emphasize their empathy with the people. There was, for example, Nelson A. Rockefeller's invariable "Hiya, fella!" and George Bush's public fondness for pork rinds when his private taste ran to popcorn.

Some of those candidates spent money in ways that would almost certainly be subject to intense media scrutiny now; for example, by trading favors or greasing the palms of local political bosses. But since the 1976 Supreme Court ruling that the First Amendment right to free speech bars limits on a candidate's spending of his or her own money, millionaires have had an unchallenged license to test the political waters.

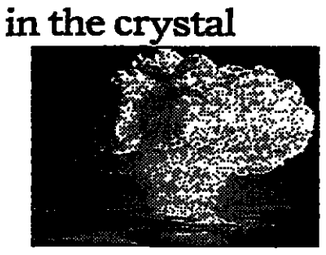
Money can buy name recognition for political newcomers like Mr. Checchi but it is no guarantee of success. A study by the Center for Responsive Politics in Washington found that of 149 candidates for the House and Senate in 1995-96 who put more than $100,000 of their own money into their campaigns, only 19 won. Still, the United States

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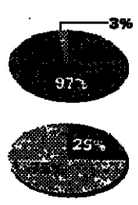


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Buzz Words

Who's Afraid of the Islamic Bomb?

By ELAINE SCIOLINO

WASHINGTON

FOR more than two decades, the prospect that a Muslim country could possess nuclear weapons has often been summed up in two words — "Islamic bomb" — a phrase that captured the imagination of some and terrified others.

The phrase appeared as far back as the early 1970's, uttered in private conversations by Pakistan's leader, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, in reference to his country's hopes to go nuclear. In the atmosphere of the time, it seemed a serious warning: that once one Islamic nation had nuclear weapons, it would enhance the power of them all.

So when Pakistan set off nuclear explosions in the Baluchistan desert in the last two weeks, the phrase was heard again. In Karachi, a mockup of an atomic bomb, with "Islamic Bomb" painted on the side, was paraded jubilantly through the streets, and in Islamabad, crowds shouted for "holy war" against India.

"So now we have an Islamic bomb as of today," said Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York, a former ambassador to India. "And it is fitted with a missile, which can mean the destruction of Israel."

But is there such a thing as a bomb that exists for the sake of Islam and for the destruction of Israel? Or do the phrase and the oratory about it reveal other things instead — a hunger and rivalry for greatness by major Islamic countries, and the depth of Israel's anxieties?

No Umbrella Here

There is, today at least, no special reason to believe that Pakistan's newly declared ability to build a nuclear arsenal will provide a nuclear umbrella for other Islamic societies, or that those other countries will find it easier to go nuclear themselves.

Yes, the idea of a global pan-Islamic community with a common divine mission on earth has been trumpeted in Islamic oratory over the years. But so far national interests have prevailed. Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini of Iran learned that lesson after he tried — and failed — to export his Islamic revolution.



Reuters

Pakistanis paraded a mockup of a missile after their country's nuclear tests of May 30.

Granted, Pakistan got some help from Muslim countries like Libya and Saudi Arabia years ago for its nuclear program. But much more important support came from other places: blueprints, enriched uranium, tritium and scientific know-how from China; technology (stolen) from the Netherlands. And the United States gave its tacit consent all during the years that Pakistan's help was needed in the Afghan conflict.

Now that Pakistan, which desperately needs financial aid, has offended the United States by staging its nuclear tests, it would seem to be in Pakistan's interest to keep its technology from spreading — something that would only offend the United States more. Even if Pakistan decided to

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A Breaker of Molds Now Tries to Fit In

By ALISON MITCHELL

WASHINGTON

ASK Newt Gingrich the last time a Speaker of the House ran for President and, ever the historian, he will immediately say Henry Clay.

That, of course, was before the Civil War. But Mr. Gingrich has defied historical trends; he helped break the Democrats' half century of control over the House. And signs persist — like his recent pledge before the Israeli Parliament to support Jerusalem as the capital of Israel — that the 54-year-old Georgian is considering a bid for the Republican Presidential nomination in 2000.

Some might call the idea nothing short of delusional. Mr. Gingrich still faces an ethics complaint relating to benefits he may have received from Gopac, the Republican political action committee. And while his public standing has improved, aides in his press office groaned when a recent ABC News survey flashed onto a television screen showing that only 37 percent of those polled thought that the Speaker was honest and trustworthy, compared to the 38 percent who credited the embattled President Clinton with those attributes.

A Core of Supporters

In addition, Mr. Gingrich's brand of eclectic, activist conservatism fits no distinct Republican mold. Moderates shy from his confrontational tactics, while House conservatives tried to oust him last year as too accommodationist. Party pragmatists consider him too unpredictable and undisciplined.

Still, Mr. Gingrich has fervent supporters among Republican grass-roots campaigners and small donors. And should he choose to jump into a crowded primary field, he would, his strategists say, do well precisely because in a race full of niche candidates he would not be limited to any of his party's distinct constituencies.

"There are buckets full of every pond that Newt can dip into and scoop out support," said Rich Galen, a Gingrich ally who now heads Gopac, which Mr. Gingrich once ran.

Ralph Reed, the former executive director of the Christian Coalition who is now a consultant, agreed: "Newt's constituency is not a piece of the pie. It's more like cake icing. It's spread evenly throughout the party."

The conventional wisdom, reasserted after Bob Dole's loss to Bill Clinton, is that a legislative leader is a bad Presidential candidate. A Speaker risks being defined not by his own positions but by the legislation his

Gingrich searches for a constituency in a party of wary factions.

majority passes. And the making of laws, especially in a feuding, fractious House, is messy.

But in some ways Mr. Gingrich's dual roles, as a Speaker seeking to broaden his Congressional majority and as a candidate needing a wider constituency, fit together. They encourage him to be an apostle of a Big Tent Republican Party.

The Speaker's close colleagues say it is in the "center-right" of the Republican Party that Mr. Gingrich feels most comfortable — not with the social conservatives but a few notches over with the economic conservatives. He is a tax cutter who believes government should invest in science, technology and highways.

Several Republicans define his core constituents as the fans of Rush Limbaugh who are probably anti-abortion but more interested in pocketbook issues. They are the county commissioners, salespeople and small-business owners who were the movement conservatives before the religious right loomed so large in the Republican Party. "Those who like Newt the most remember him when he was fighting to get the majority," said Don Fierce, a Republican strategist. "They remember when he came up with the Contract With America idea."

"In a funny way, Newt can cut across party lines pretty well," he added. Other Republicans point out that when conservatives tried to oust Mr. Gingrich from his post, his base of support became committee chairmen and moderates.

But watching him construct his brand of Republicanism can be like staring at a de Kooning canvas. It's bold and eye catching, but it's also hard to discern the pattern. One day, over objections from conservatives, Mr. Gingrich is pushing through the House a bill to allow a referendum on Puerto Rican statehood. A few months later, to the dismay of moderates, he is aligning with the Christian Coalition and promising to cut off funds for the National Endowment for the Arts.

Setting himself apart from Mr. Clinton and appealing to Jewish voters, he recently called Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright an agent of the Palestinians, and in a speech before the Israeli Parliament parted with American policy on Jerusalem. But days later, he popped up in Bosnia to support America's mission there.

Some House Republicans say Mr. Gingrich is trying to balance his needs for the Congressional elections this year with the Presidential election in 2000. "The constituency for '98 we are most concerned about this very minute is the hard right that we need to have not angry with us," one House Republican said. "He's playing to that group today but trying to do it without antagonizing the left-righters he needs for 2000."

Mr. Gingrich's confidantes say he is focused only on 1998, aware he has no future if he does not keep the House majority. If this year's election imperatives require him to ditch the high-toned policy speech he began the year with so he can sharpen a partisan confrontation, which might also drive up his personal negatives, so be it.

Mr. Gingrich says he will not decide whether to run for President until Labor Day of 1999. Critical in his decision is whether his wife, Marianne, is comfortable with a Presidential bid. Unlike other candidates, he has not put operatives into early primary states.

A Certain Luxury

Unlike others, Mr. Gingrich's star power, fund-raising base and speaking ability give him the luxury to make a decision late in the game.

"A lot of candidates will be able to raise $10 million, which is the threshold just to run," said Frank Luntz, a Republican pollster. "Only a few — maybe a half dozen — reach the $20 million threshold to carry all the way through. More than $20 million makes you truly credible. And Gingrich's Gopac, and his fund-raising capability, is truly incredible."



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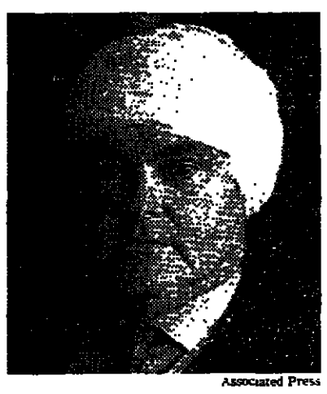
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From Scholar to Speaker



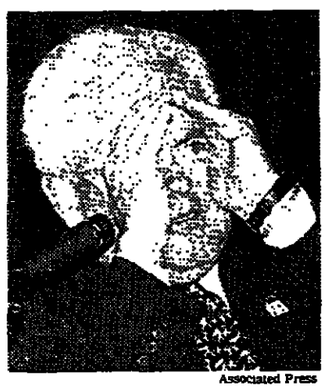
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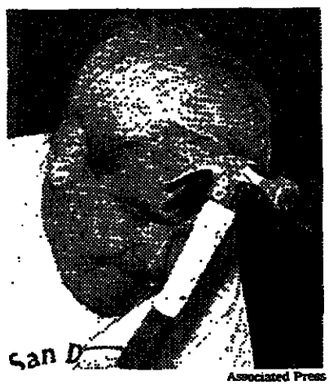
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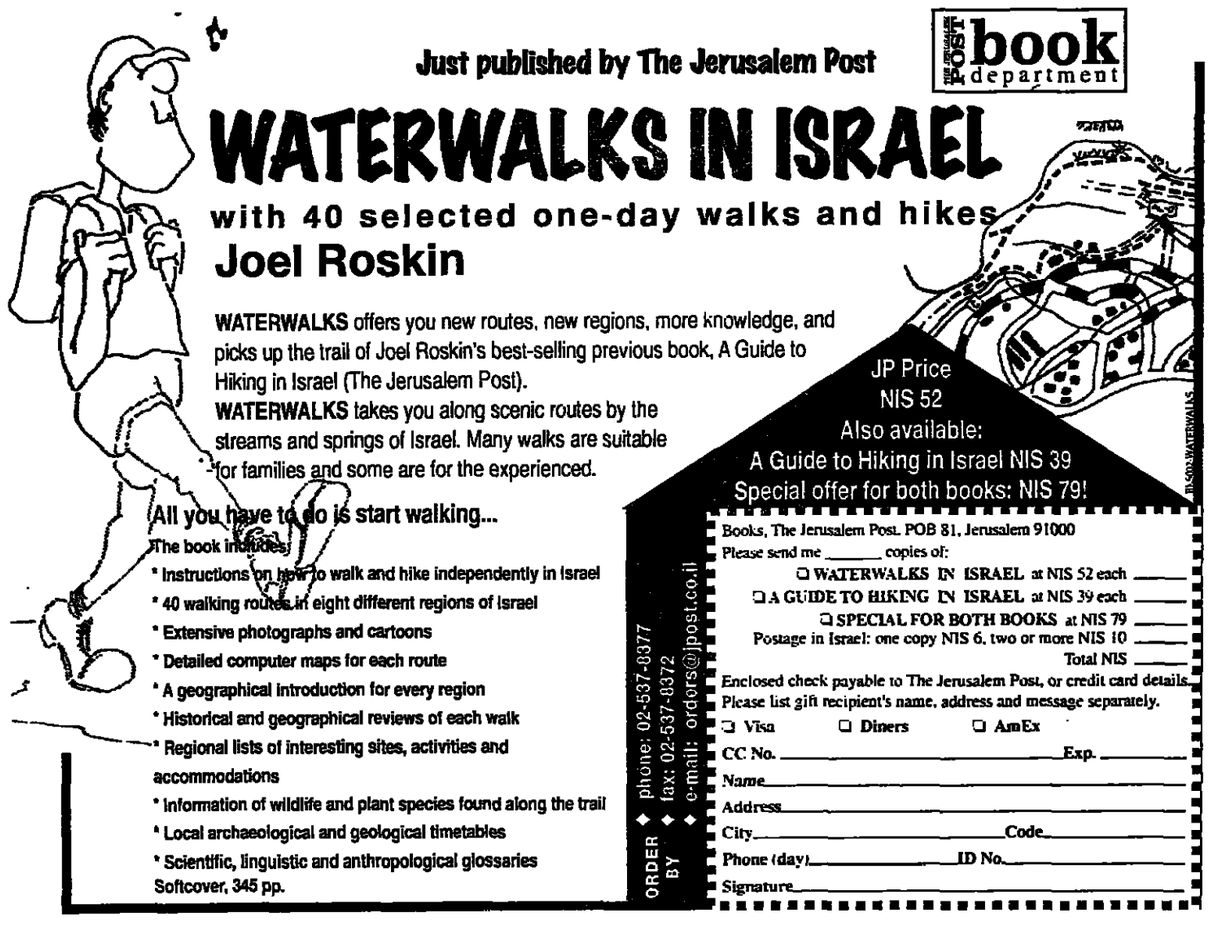
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Money Politics Wasn't Defeated in California

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Senate remains a virtual millionaire's club, and in recent years, wealthy candidates from Ross Perot to Senator Herb Kohl of Wisconsin have managed to turn their private wealth into a campaign plus; they boast that they are free from the hold of special interests, as Mr. Kohl did when he won office in 1988 spending $7.5 million, most of it his own, with the slogan, "Nobody's Senator but yours."

"He called to congratulate us," said David Doak, Mr. Kohl's longtime media consultant, who worked here this year for Mr. Davis. Mr. Doak said his old boss, commenting on the California race, noted that it's one thing to use your own money to talk about yourself, "but you have to be real judicious about attacking somebody else, because people see it differently, and it can cross over into bullying."

Negativity

Indeed, politicians here and around the country said, Mr. Checchi's money had less to do with his defeat than how he chose to spend it. Even after 18 months crisscrossing the state talking to voters and 3 months of television commercials touting his private sector accomplishments and teaching voters how to pronounce his name (CHECK-ee), he drew about as many unfavorable ratings from poll respondents as favorable ones — not good news for any candidate.

Then, when Representative Jane Harman, herself a millionaire, entered the race and promptly took the lead in public opinion polls, Mr. Checchi unleashed a relentless barrage of commercials attacking her, often in misleading terms. That helped destroy Ms. Harman, who spent some $16 million of family money on her campaign. But, in a kind of murder-suicide, it also quadrupled Mr. Checchi's own negative ratings and created an opening for Mr. Davis, who had been saving his advertising money for the final stretch.

In the race for the Republican Senate nomination to challenge Senator Barbara Boxer, Darrell Issa, a multimillionaire car alarm manufacturer who spent about $10 million, lost to State Treasurer Matt Fong, but only after a wave of harshly critical news accounts raised questions about Mr. Issa's business record and tactics.

Rich candidates have lost spectacularly in the past, of course, including the cosmetics heir Ronald S. Lauder, who spent $14 million in the 1989 Republican mayoral primary in New York City, and lost to Rudolph W. Giuliani, who spent $2.5 million and won 67 percent of the vote. Former Representative Michael Huffington, a Republican oil heir, set the previous national record for individual spending here four years ago, by pouring nearly $30 million of his family fortune into a nearly successful campaign against Senator Dianne Feinstein.

But Mr. Checchi's resounding defeat still set off ripples of shock, precisely because Mr. Huffington, who was widely regarded as a political and intellectual lightweight, came so close, and because Mr. Checchi, an altogether more serious figure, spent about 30 percent more in the primary alone than Mr. Huffington spent in his primary and general election combined.

In general in recent years, polls have shown that most voters are neutral-to-positive about candidates who finance their own campaigns, while support for public campaign financing is often tepid. But as this year's campaign wore on, voters here seemed taken aback by the sheer reach of Mr. Checchi's record-breaking effort.

A poll in April by the Public Policy Institute of California found that 6 in 10 voters were indifferent to a candidate's decision to finance his own campaign, but by May, voters indicated a marked preference, 52 percent to 34 percent, for candidates who took the conventional route of collecting money from supporters.

In his final days on the campaign trail, Mr. Checchi went low-tech, riding a yellow school bus around the state to highlight his proposals for fixing the state's troubled schools, and publicly lamenting that his rivals had outfoxed him by turning the race into a debate about his money instead of his ideas.

Change Wasn't Good

But Mr. Checchi was also the victim of his own promises to shake up the state's political establishment. Over and over again in campaign appearances, he told audiences, "If you don't want change, don't vote for me," and voters appeared to take him at his word. Surveys of voters leaving the polls found that two-thirds thought California was on the right track after years of economic collapse and natural disasters, and polls repeatedly found that voters preferred candidates with experience in government.

Experts cautioned against reading too much into Mr. Checchi's defeat.

"There's an awful lot of negativity in American politics, and it's not going to go away," said Herbert E. Alexander, a retired professor or political science at the University of Southern California and an expert on campaign finance. "In my view, that would mean candidates would have to get a bigger bang for the dollars that they can spend. The high cost of television means now that you have to go for the jugular, and in those circumstances, it would lead to even more negativity than we've experienced now."

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The World

Even the French Hate This Strike

By CRAIG R. WHITNEY

PARIS

TRANSPORTATION strikes are an annoying fact of life in France, yet most people sympathize with the strikers when the subways shut down or truckers block the highways. After all, truck drivers and railway workers don't make much money, and employers seldom penalize workers for not showing up during transit strikes, so it's easy to wish the strikers well.

But the renowned Gallic sang-froid was severely tested last week by a strike by pilots at Air France, the state-owned airline, just days before the nation plays host to the World Cup, the World Series of soccer.

The pilots, whose average annual salary of $123,000 makes them better paid than their counterparts at other major European carriers like Lufthansa and British Airways, were protesting a management plan to trim their pay by an average of $26,000 over the next three to five years, and replace the income with stock options.

With Air France, the official carrier for the World Cup, able to fly only a fraction of its schedule, the French public was outraged, for the first time in years, by what many saw as greedy pilots. A poll published by Paris-Match last week showed that only 47 percent of those polled supported holding a transportation strike during the World Cup. In December 1995, 62 percent of those surveyed sympathized with striking rail and transport workers; in November 1996, 74 percent supported striking truck drivers.

A Christmas Present

"I feel sad and almost ashamed," said Interior Minister Jean-Pierre Chevènement as negotiators were trying to reach a settlement before the games kick off on Wednesday.

Mr. Chevènement and the Socialist Prime Minister, Lionel Jospin, were elected a year ago by voters who never forgave Mr. Jospin's conservative predecessor, Alain Juppé, for trying to cut the pension benefits of the rail and transit workers in 1995 as part of an unpopular Government austerity plan to prepare for the coming single European currency. When strikers shut down rail and mass transit networks, the country was paralyzed, but with Christmas approaching many workers were just as happy to back the strikers and stay home.



Agence France Presse

Jean-Claude Corbet, pilots union leader.

This time things were different. The irony of a Socialist-led Government criticizing strikers is only one of many contradictions in the latest episode in France's struggle to pull its cosseted welfare-state economy into the 21st century.

Mr. Chevènement even had to deny rumors that he was considering calling in the French equivalent of the National Guard to replace the strikers the way President Reagan replaced striking American air traffic controllers in the early 1980's.

The French feel as strongly about soccer as they do about social justice. Taxpayers put up $450 million for a new stadium in Paris for the World Cup, and Air France planes have been splashed with bright color pictures of players from 32 countries. Buses in Paris display welcome signs in many languages, and special trains have been arranged to transport fans and players among the 10 cities in which the 64 games will be played.

France's national honor is at stake, the authorities keep reminding people. No American-style private-sector improvisation, à la Atlanta during the last Olympics and Denver during the 1994 World Cup, would do for the glory of France.

With a sense that the eyes of the world were on them, many French felt indignation when transportation unions started in with business as usual — by trying to hold up employers for ransom just when their work was most needed.

The pilots were not the only ones on the picket lines, though truck drivers, who shut down the country's roads in 1997 and the year before to get higher wages, promised they wouldn't think of inconveniencing their fellow citizens during the World Cup, which ends on July 12.

A union representing 30 percent of the engineers for the state railway network called a strike to begin on the eve of the Cup opening. Conductors struck and disrupted rail traffic around the country on Friday. Public transportation in Lyons, where five games will be played, was shut down by a strike on Tuesday, and workers on the Paris municipal transportation system threatened another for this week.

Suspicious of Stocks

But it was the pilots who bore the brunt of public resentment.

The French are notoriously suspicious of people who are better off than they are, to the point of making anonymous telephone calls to Finance Ministry inspectors to tip them off to people with lavish life styles (one reason why owners of luxury homes in Paris often hide them behind dilapidated building facades).

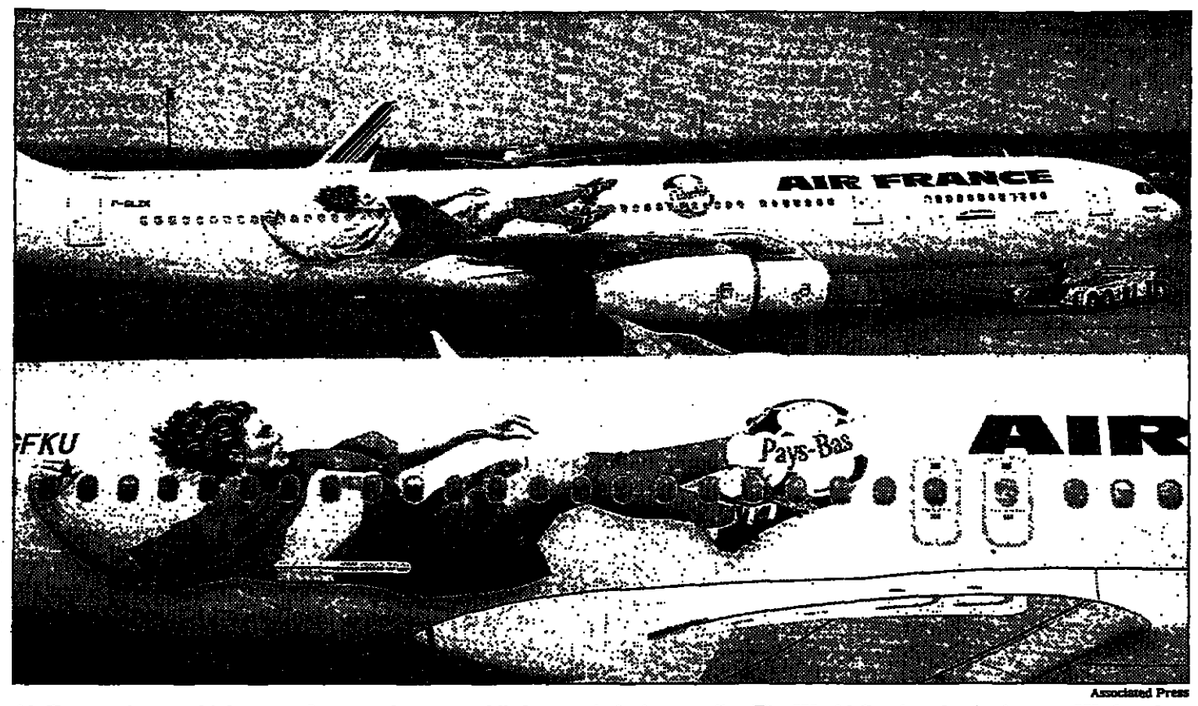
So it was difficult to muster much sympathy for the well-paid pilots, who after all were not striking for better wages but demanding cash instead of stock options as part of their salaries when Air France is partly privatized later this year.

The airline said it needed to cut its annual payroll by $84 million to make itself more competitive in the European market, but many French regard the stock market as a sort of untrustworthy gambling casino. As elsewhere in Europe, there is great resistance here to the idea of supplementing state pensions with the private investment plans that make union pension funds such big players in the stock market in America.

Nevertheless, Transportation Minister Jean-Claude Gayssot, a member of the Communist Party, railed against the pilots. "France, the company and the World Cup must not be held hostage," he told Parliament as pressure mounted on both the Government and the strikers to settle. "We must negotiate and we must break this logjam."

Even Le Canard enchaîné, a left-wing satirical newspaper, lost patience with the pilots.

"Their maneuvering a week from the Cup, with thousands of passengers about to pour into the country, could easily be mistaken for blackmail," the newspaper wrote, pointing out that the pilots also showed little gratitude for the $3.4 billion taxpayers pumped into Air France during its money-losing years to keep it going and safeguard the pilots' jobs.



Associated Press

Air France planes, with images of soccer players, sat idle last week during a strike. The World Cup is to begin there on Wednesday.

Naïveté at the C.I.A.

Every Nation's Just Another U.S.

By TIM WEINER

WASHINGTON

NICCOLO MACHIAVELLI had it right: never assume the other guy will never do something you would never do. Too bad Machiavelli never worked for the Central Intelligence Agency.

The world might be less dangerous than it is today had the C.I.A. and its sister intelligence services foreseen India's nuclear tests last month. Armed with that foresight, the United States might have been able to forestall a test, as it did back in 1995, and thus prevent an arms race in one of the planet's least pacific places.

A report last week by retired Adm. David E. Jeremiah, a former vice-chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, blamed the failure on systemic flaws in the way the intelligence community gathers and handles information, trains its thousands of analysts and commands its $27-billion-a-year empire.

But underlying those failures, Admiral Jeremiah said, was a classic American cultural assumption: "This 'everybody thinks like us' mind-set."

The "underlying mind-set" was that India "would behave as we behave," he said. "We should have been much more aggressive in thinking through how the other guy thought."



They Couldn't Possibly

Instead, he said, American analysts decided that the newly elected Hindu nationalist political party, the B.J.P., couldn't possibly be serious when it campaigned on a nuclear weapons platform. Westerners saw good reasons for India to eschew testing and therefore thought Indians must understand their own best interests the same way.

Intelligence professionals have a name for this kind of thinking: mirror-imaging. It is considered one of the most basic mistakes in the spy manual. "Mirror-imaging — projecting your thought process or value system onto someone else — is one of the greatest threats to objective intelligence analysis," a senior C.I.A. officer, Frank Watanabe, wrote last year in Studies in Intelligence, the agency's in-house journal. "Avoid mirror-imaging at all costs," he advised.

Failing to follow such counsel led the United States to believe that Japan would never attack Pearl Harbor and that Saddam Hussein would never invade Kuwait.

But no analyst in the Government imagined India testing a nuclear bomb. "The amazing thing was the unanimity," a senior State Department official said ruefully. "There was nobody anywhere — no voices — saying 'Watch out!' "

As Mr. Watanabe notes, "When everyone agrees on an issue, something is probably wrong."

There is something peculiarly American about the trap of mirror-imaging. Americans overseas like foreigners to speak, dress, eat and entertain as Americans do. They may well believe that everybody also thinks as they do. The whole world buys Big Macs — so the ideas must come along with them, like a side of fries. This way of thinking meant that, last month, the United States Government looked down at India from its spy satellites — and saw the United States.

What does this say about the state of American intelligence? First, mirror-imaging filled a void. America had few or no spies in India reporting on the nuclear program. So its analysts had to think without the benefit of facts.

Second, the C.I.A. does not always teach people to think straight, said Mark Lowenthal, a former staff director of the House intelligence committee. "They don't do a lot of training," he said. "They say, 'Congratulations, you're the Mali analyst, have a nice day.' They need to spend some time on thinking about how you think. Very few analysts come by it naturally and almost none are taught to do it. Crisis-driven as they are, they don't have a lot of time to step back and say: 'Have I missed something? Is this the right way of thinking?' "

We vs. I

Third, group think grinds top-secret papers into intellectual pulp, said Angelo Codevilla, a former senior staff member of the Senate intelligence committee. "Our intelligence community thinks in herds — 'Stay close. Don't get out ahead. Don't be thought of as crazy,' " he said. "There is a tremendous lack of diversity of mind. The most typical phrase in an intelligence estimate is 'We believe' — the corporate belief, the office view, calibrated to satisfy — not 'I think.' "

Fourth, "we have a brain-power problem" in American intelligence, said Robert Steele, a former C.I.A. officer.

"The average analyst has 2 to 5 years' experience," Mr. Steele said. "They haven't been to the countries they're analyzing. They don't have the language, the historical knowledge, the in-country residence time or the respect of their private-sector peers."

In its defense, the C.I.A. was not the only outfit in Washington that had a mirror where its crystal ball should be. So had the White House, the Pentagon and the State Department. The agency's reporting on Pakistan's subsequent nuclear tests was prescient and precise. But Admiral Jeremiah found the C.I.A. misread India's nuclear ambitions because it was short on insight, expertise, training and leadership — a strange state of affairs for an intelligence agency created to be the deepest think tank in the world. The agency, the admiral found, was not thinking clearly, and so deceived itself.

The Islamic Bomb

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export its technology at a future point, the reasons would most likely have nothing to do with religion.

"Why do people talk about an Islamic bomb?" Pakistan's Minister of Information, Mushahid Hussain, said in an interview with the German news magazine Der Spiegel. "This is a Pakistani bomb. In the case of India, you don't talk of a vegetarian bomb."

Fouad Ajami, author of "The Dream Palace of the Arabs," agrees. "Bombs are not devout," he said. "Bombs in Russia are not Orthodox bombs. Bombs in India are not Hindu bombs. And bombs in Pakistan are not Islamic."

So why does the label persist?

One reason is the utterances of Muslims themselves, who over the years have publicly declared the need for an Islamic bomb.

Gen. Mohammed Zia ul-Haq, who ousted Mr. Bhutto and had him hanged, condemned the rest of the world in 1986 for branding Pakistan's bomb Islamic but in the same breath promoted the notion. "Why must they call Pakistan's bomb, supposing we have it, an Islamic bomb?" he said. "You can see the mentality. They are fearful that if an Islamic country such as Pakistan acquires this technology they will spread it. In fact, if the Islamic world possessed this technology, it means that 900 million Muslims possess advanced technology. Hence comes the aggressive campaign against Pakistan and the aggressive talk about the Pakistani nuclear bomb. It is our right to obtain the technology. And when we acquire this technology, the entire Islamic world will possess it with us."

That same year, in the aftermath of American air attacks on Libya, its leader, Muammar al-Qaddafi, declared that the Arab world should become one "homeland," possessing missiles and even nuclear bombs. And a few years later, Iran's Deputy President, Ataollah Mohajerani — now the Minister of Islamic Guidance and Culture and a close ally of President Mohammed Khatami — declared that because Israel has nuclear facilities, Muslim countries needed them too.

Israel's Fears

Another reason the notion persists is that Israel and its supporters have long found it convenient to demonize Islamic states and movements whose leaders find it convenient to assert religion-based claims to Jerusalem. For the Israelis, the idea that Islamic fervor could go nuclear provides a justification for maintaining its own unacknowledged nuclear arsenal.

Israel justified its bombing of Iraq's nuclear weapons facility in the desert near Tuwaitha in 1981 in part by declaring that it needed to destroy an "Islamic bomb" before it was built, even though Iraq's President, Saddam Hussein, was the most secular of leaders and never had much affection for his Islamic brothers.

The tension over the prospect of an Islamic bomb continues today.

In Islamabad last week, Iran's Foreign Minister, Kamal Kharrazi, said Muslims worldwide were happy about the Pakistani explosions. "Muslims now feel more confident that Pakistan's nuclear capability would play a role of deterrence to Israel's nuclear capability," he said. (By Thursday, after Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, condemned the visit, Mr. Kharrazi had shifted his tone; he told a disarmament conference in Geneva that "this was one genie that was much better to have stayed confined in a bottle.")

Is there a Hindu bomb? A Russian Orthodox bomb?

Over the long run, the most serious impact of the nuclear explosions by Pakistan — and India — within the Islamic world may be to revive the lust of rivals among the Islamic nations to possess their own nuclear weapons.

Pakistan is, after all, a peer of a number of Middle Eastern countries with grand ambitions and an even grander sense of their place in the world's history — Iranians who identify with ancient Persia, Iraqis who remember Nebuchadnezzar, Egyptians who hark back to the Pharoahs and Syrians prideful of the ancient glories of Damascus. All can ask: Who are these upstart Pakistanis to think they lead the Islamic world? What about us?

Officially, Egypt has underscored that the recent nuclear tests prove just how urgent it is the make the Middle East a nuclear-free zone. But some Egyptian commentators implied that Arab countries made a mistake in signing on to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

"Nuclear capacity has become the guaranteed deterrent to defend national rights and the right of self-determination," wrote Salama Ahmed Salama, a columnist for the semi-official newspaper Al Ahram.

She said nothing about Islam.

The World

A Global Divide on Abortion Splits Poor From Rich

By BARBARA CROSSETTE

UNITED NATIONS

IT has become an article of faith among those who oppose abortion in the United States that promoting abortion anywhere else, particularly in the world's poorest countries, is tantamount to an attack on the cultures of those countries. It is a new argument from the conservative right, but it echoes charges that the radical left used to make, to the effect that family planning programs targeted at the third world were a kind of neo-imperialistic genocide.

A statistical look around the world shows that if cultural sensitivities are reflected in laws about abortion, there is a remarkable divide between richer countries and poorer ones where abortion and its effects are concerned. But other statistics demonstrate that the pattern of legality does not reflect how women in those societies choose to act.

Unequal Death Rates

In the global south, where abortion laws are the most restrictive, abortion rates are still quite high; deaths from abortion are much higher there than elsewhere, because the abortions tend to be unsafe. The industrial countries of the global north are almost universally less restrictive in their abortion laws. They also have the lowest rates of abortion-related deaths.

Of about 20 million unsafe — sometimes legal, but more often illegal — abortions estimated to take place each year worldwide, 90 percent occur in developing countries, according to the World Health Organization. Of the 80,000 deaths that result, 95 percent are in poor nations. That number does not include women who die of miscarriages due to health problems or poor prenatal care; such data do not exist.

The anti-colonial case has been made forcefully by Representative Christopher H. Smith, the New Jersey Republican who has blocked American payments to the United Nations with an amendment denying money to any organization that lobbies for liberalized abortion laws in any country. Mr. Smith, a supporter of international child survival programs, says helping poor children, not preventing them from being born, should be the priority of foreign aid.

His legislation, which President Clinton has vowed to veto when it reaches his desk, has created alarm among family planning and women's health organizations, who see its bar to advocating abortion as a challenge to free speech and a chilling factor that would reduce the amount of money going to all types of population work, including contraception, in the poorest countries, where they think it is needed most.

Mr. Smith said in a telephone interview that he drew a distinction between contraception and abortion. "We have made it clear we would put more money into family planning," he said. "We offered the Administration $100 million dollars more in family planning aid if they would get out of the abortion business." He added: "Family planning is preventive and its use is up to the individual. But those of us who respect the lives of unborn children recognize that whether it be dismemberment, abortion or chemical poisoning, abortions, legal or illegal, are violence against children everywhere."

Family planning organizations and women's health groups do not argue that abortion should be encouraged as a method of birth control. But they do argue for less restrictive laws in many countries on the ground that such laws would cut deaths. They also say family planning and community health groups in Africa, Asia and Latin America have to deal with the results of botched and life-threatening abortions, sometimes by completing

> Where laws are most restrictive, women still terminate pregnancies, even if that is illegal. But death rates are quite high.

the process of clearing the womb — a procedure that would put them on the wrong side of American law if Mr. Smith's proposal were adopted.

Mr. Smith argues that he would rather spend money on programs like immunizations, nutritional health for mothers and other forms of health care that would help children in developing societies survive, rather than aiding organizations that are associated with abortion. When asked about the problems posed by unsafe abortion, he said, "We need positive alternatives like the 4,000 crisis pregnancy centers here, where women who have difficulties can be helped in many ways."

Advocates of family planning respond that the overall effect of his proposals could be to harm the ability of mothers to care for their families. "Public health experts will be the first to tell you that child survival is most enhanced by enabling women to space their childbearing," said Gloria Feldt, president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, the oldest and largest family planning organization in the world.

Dr. Nafis Sadik, executive director of the United Nations Populations Fund, said the argument that family planners from richer nations are coercing the women of the developing world should be turned upside down. The real coercion in many places, she said, "is that women are being forced to have children by their families or by social pressures."

"Now that women are getting choices, people seem to be starting to object," said Dr. Sadik, a physician from Pakistan. "It's being made out that a woman wants to be pregnant all the time. That's not what all the detailed surveys and research show. Most women don't want to be serially pregnant. They want to have, if not two children, maybe four children, not eight children — and they don't want to have them every year."

Because family planning services are not available to millions of women who want them — more than 350 million in the developing world, according to surveys — they turn to abortion, even where illegal, and will continue to do so as a last resort, experts say. "Contrary to public belief, most of the unsafe illegal abortions take place among married women," Dr. Sadik said.

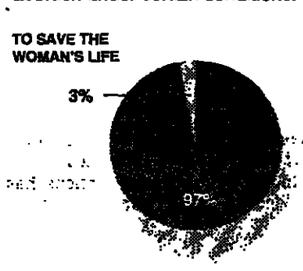
North and South: Different Standards Around the World

Only five members of the United Nations currently prohibit induced abortion even to save the life of the mother. The remaining 185 permit it under some circumstances. Here is a comparison of conditions under which nations permit abortion, with a look at the incidence of safe and unsafe abortions worldwide and the incidence of deaths from abortions. Figures reflect the situation in May 1998.

Circumstances Under Which Abortion is Permitted

PERMITTED NOT PERMITTED

Percent of countries that permit abortion under certain conditions.



Nations where abortion is permitted to save the woman's life; the five exceptions are identified.



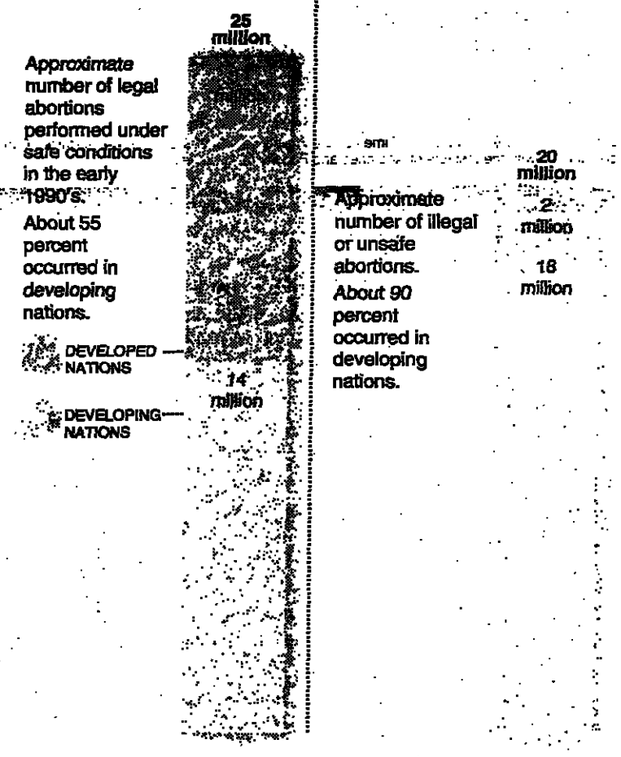
Nations where abortion is permitted in cases of rape or incest.



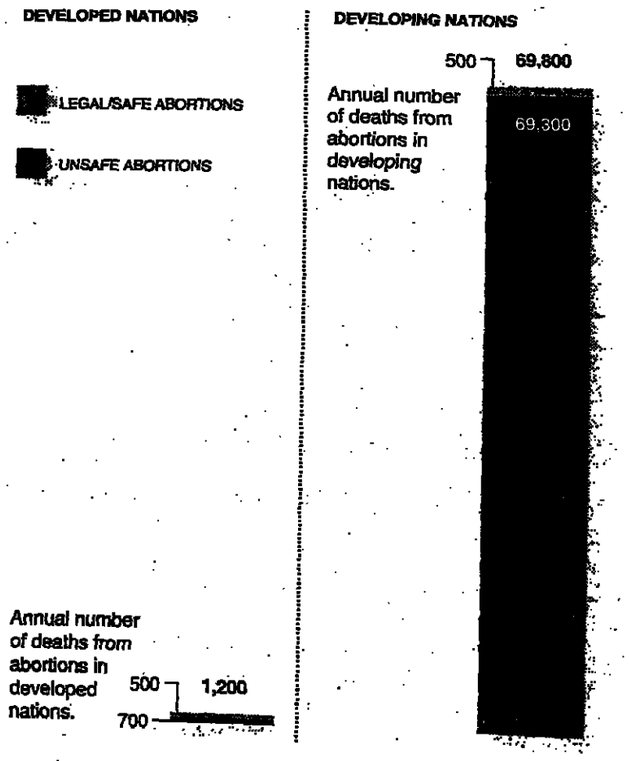
Nations where abortion is permitted upon request.



Safe and Unsafe



Deaths Rates



*Unsafe abortion is defined as being undertaken either by persons lacking the necessary skills or in an environment lacking the minimal medical standards or both.

Source: Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat

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ECONOMY

From Lab to Patient: Pitching Prescription Drugs

By DAVID J. MORROW

THE advertisement seemed innocuous enough. A few minutes into the March 17 episode of "Home Improvement," the TV screen flashed scenes of men and women rubbing their eyes as a female voice sang the praises of a new brand of prescription eye drops.

"It seems like you have tried just about everything," the voice cooed, "but now there is Patanol." Not only did Patanol, developed by Alcon Laboratories, soothe "itchy allergy eyes for eight hours," the ad assured viewers, but only a few people "experience side effects, like a headache."

The Food and Drug Administration took one look at the commercial and asked Alcon to take it off the air, saying that some of its claims of effectiveness were exaggerated and that the side effects were played down.

But that hardly made Patanol exceptional. Of the 22 products that have been advertised on TV since last August, the F.D.A. has found problems with 11 commercials.

All of that only underscores what Federal regulators and the pharmaceutical industry have wrought in the last year: a bold experiment in directly marketing prescription drugs on TV to American consumers.

Ads like the one for Patanol are something of a yawner in the make-believe world created by Madison Avenue, where lizards scheme to kill Budweiser frogs and half-naked superstars sell Nike shoes. But they are just the initial forays in what marketing experts believe will be a steady march toward the kind of aggressive, image-filled and patently manipulative advertising that so successfully sells Americans everything from cars to cosmetics to computer chips.

Last August, the F.D.A. relaxed its barriers to television ads, letting pharmaceutical companies identify their products by name and describe their purposes. Since then, drug makers have rolled out a record number of campaigns, both in print and on television. They are expected to shell out some $350 million for television spots this year — almost three times what they spent just two years ago, according to I.M.S. Health, a consulting firm.

The best ads have worked their magic, making blockbusters of drugs like Schering-Plough's Claritin brand of antihistamines, which has grabbed 54 percent of its market.

And the industry, eager to cash in on life-style drugs aimed at aging baby boomers — products like Merck's Propecia for fighting baldness and Glaxo Wellcome's Zyban for kicking the tobacco habit — is certain to press the F.D.A. to loosen its guidelines when the agency completes a review of its policies this summer.



Walter P. Calahan

Nancy M. Ostrove of the Food and Drug Administration fears that prespcription drug spots don't always say enough about risks.

So far, the F.D.A., for all its storied fastidiousness about protecting consumers from dangerous medications, has taken a surprisingly wait-and-see attitude on advertising drugs.

"Advertising directly to consumers is one of the most successful movements ever in the pharmaceuticals industry," said Neil Sweig, a pharmaceuticals analyst with Southeast Research Partners, a brokerage firm in Boca Raton, Fla. "It is the product of advertising executives all over America who went to sleep each night trying to figure out how to sell prescription drugs to the public without upsetting the apple cart at the F.D.A."

It won't be easy. The ads unleashed the last several months have prompted an outcry from doctors and consumer advocates, who fear that the commercials could confuse or mislead the public.

Beyond the frequency of dubious claims, the critics contend that sales pitches for prescription drugs often offer false hope and encourage people to march into their doctors' offices to demand prescriptions for drugs they know almost nothing about.

"A big problem with some consumer prescription drug ads is that they are so simplistic," said Dr. Gillian Shepherd, an allergist and clinical associate professor at New York Hospital Cornell Medical Center. "The ads make like these drugs work on all people and in every case. It simply doesn't work that way."

For all of 1997, spending on consumer advertising for prescription drugs rose by 125 percent from the previous year, to $107 million, at Bristol-Myers Squibb; by 76 percent, to $122 million, at Merck, and by 57 percent, to $156.6 million, at Glaxo Wellcome, the industry's biggest consumer advertiser.

By contrast, the growth in ad spending for pharmaceuticals as an industry has not been nearly as robust. Last year, the industry spent $3.2 billion in the United States promoting all its medications, up only 6 percent from 1996, according to Competitive Media Reporting, a unit of VNU N.V., a Dutch publisher.

Recently, the airwaves have been particularly busy with commercials for prescription drugs, perhaps because the industry senses that its freedom may not last. The F.D.A., as part of its review, could reverse course and enact new restrictions, though it is unlikely to do so.

So far, the public, though it has embraced the most heavily advertised drugs, has shown little interest in the debate. Yet consumer rights groups have been among the most vocal critics, with some urging a ban on TV ads.

"There have been a record number of new drugs introduced recently on the market," said Dr. Sidney M. Wolfe, executive director of the Public Citizen Health Research Group, a consumer advocacy group founded by Ralph Nader. The F.D.A., he said, had fallen behind in reviewing ads, so a lot of mistakes can get through. "The combination of a misled doctor and a misled patient," he said, "leads to the wrong prescription."

But even naysayers acknowledge that prescription-drug ads have the potential to benefit consumers, if, for example, they persuade them to go to the doctor's office. And that often happens. For example, Bristol-Myers Squibb's advertising campaign last year for Pravachol, its drug for cholesterol reduction and stroke prevention, urged consumers to see their physicians. And indeed, some 8.8 million people sought treatment last year for cholesterol-related therapies, up from 7.2 million in 1996, according to I.M.S. Health.

"Consumer prescription-drug campaigns are both a blessing and a curse," said Dr. Shepherd of New York Hospital Cornell Medical Center. "They are a blessing in that they increase awareness of a specialty, as with the antihistamines for allergies, for example. And the campaigns can bring patients into a doctor's office."

The curse? Patients often ask for drugs they don't need.

Doctors may not like patients to request a prescription drug they have seen on television, but, on the other hand, they're willing to discuss the pros and cons with them.

Of 3,000 doctors polled in the first quarter of this year by Scott-Levin, a pharmaceutical market-research firm in Newtown, Pa., 89 percent said they would discuss an advertised drug with a patient even if they thought the ad for it had been misleading. Such numbers make marketing executives salivate.

To no one's surprise, many pharmaceutical executives want to stretch the F.D.A.'s rules a little more. One sore spot is the agency's requirement that the highly technical language about risks and side effects that appear on a product's label also appear in some print ad copy.

They argue that such wording — including Merck's warning that its Propecia could interfere with the P.S.A. test for screening prostate cancer — often befuddles people.

"We are still evolving with how we do these commercials," said Mr. Lane of Bristol-Myers Squibb. "But the language with the warnings about the drugs needs to be more consumer-friendly. There's too much techno-jargon. That doesn't foster the kind of dialogue we want."

And for all the companies' current restraint, some advertising experts believe Americans may eventually see commercials mocking rival drugs, in marketing tussles similar to the famous battles between Pepsi and Coke or between Peter Pan and Jif peanut butter.

"We understand that we are not selling Lay's potato chips," said Mr. Schwatka of Grey Advertising. "Drugs are powerful stuff. But consumers are definitely going to be seeing more ads for prescription drugs. And they're going to be getting more information about those drugs. Information does not go backward. It only moves forward."

The Ghoul Pool: Morbid, Tasteless and Popular

LAURA PEDERSEN-PIETERSEN

THE all-media wake for Frank Sinatra and the countdown that preceded it took me back to April 1984, when I first dipped my toe into the ghoul pool.

As a novice floor clerk in the cacophonous options trading pit of the American Stock Exchange, I was still learning hand signals when one of the traders tore off his Walkman earphones and yelled: "I'm losing my shirt! What a long shot!"

Shirts were being lost several times a day, so I didn't give his outburst a second thought. But his next line stopped me cold: "How can Marvin Gaye be dead! I mean, what about Helen Hayes? She's 83!"

Being all of 18, three weeks off the Greyhound from upstate New York, with six summers on a farm constituting my entire work experience, I looked to someone else to explain. "For almost 10 years Dave's been betting on the actress to take a dirt nap," said a specialist in Motorola options. "And then, out of left field, Gaye gets himself shot to death by his father."

"Meaning?" I asked, still confused.

"Meaning that at 42, Gaye was half Hayes's age and so the payoff is going to be really big."

You've heard about the office football pool, and the baseball Rotisserie league. But incredibly tasteless as it seems, countless workplaces are also offering the dead pool, a funereal game of wagering on when celebrities will meet their demise.

Neatly pairing two of America's prime obsessions — fame and death — the game is a variation on your typical water-cooler sport. Only instead of betting on scores, players toss pennies against death's door.

To beat the odds, poolers scour the tabloids and gossip columns for hints about their candidates' continued viability. The aged or the terminally ill don't score the ghoulish competitor many points, but who could have foreseen the recent untimely exits of Sonny Bono, Chris Farley or John Denver?

As appalling as betting on the prospect of death may be, wagering in the twilight zone is appealing to a growing number of Americans — if the rise in the number of Web sites dedicated to the subject is any gauge.

Dead-pool playbooks vary, but the most common version requires contestants to compile a mortfolio of 10 celebrities they expect to die and then submit it with an entrance fee by the beginning of each year. Come Dec. 31, the most prescient player wins. Deaths — and celebrity — are typically confirmed by an Associated Press obituary. Without that, you're nothing.

In some games, only one player can hold rights to a given celebrity; others require a payoff upon each celebrity's passing, rather than a once-a-year accounting. In many pools, the return is far greater for choices with lower odds of mortality, which is what so troubled trader Dave about Marvin Gaye.

Death pooling has been around since the 19th century. Guy de Maupassant, in his 1885 novel "Bel-Ami," wrote of a Parisian parlor game in which players drew up lists of doomed academicians and their possible successors. In America, the pools can be traced to Damon Runyon's Manhattan of the 1920's and 1930's. As recently as 1988, Clint Eastwood's last Dirty Harry movie not only featured such a game, but also took its name from it: "The Dead Pool."

But it was on Wall Street — where betting is like breathing — where the ghoul pool found a permanent home. "The death pools have been around as long as the exchanges, because during market lulls traders sit around for hours looking at one another in utter boredom," said Tony DeMartino, who worked at the Amex for 40 years starting in 1950 and is now a celebrity photographer. "They do stuff like this to stay awake."

Just as laptop computer technology has enabled day trading and desktop publishing to flourish, so the Web browser has brought ghoul pools to life for the average investor. It is now possible to play such diverse — and tacky — venues as the Lee Atwater Invitational Dead Pool, Not Your Mother's Dead Pool, Dewey's Death Pool, Chalk Outlines and Dead Club, to name but a handful.

The Atwater Invitational, named after the take-no-prisoners Republican campaign strategist who died at 40 of brain cancer in 1991 (http://stiffs.com), was started that year by Zachariah Love, a venue-booker in Los Angeles. Mr. Love moved the game to the Web in 1996, where it now has almost 600 players paying an $11 entrance fee for a shot at the $1,500 annual prize.

Mr. Love reports that Frank Sinatra, when he died May 14 at the age of 82, was on 447 players' lists. Though that pool is closed for 1998, a secondary, or "Lee Jr.," pool can be entered monthly for $5 to compete for a $300 award.

"Look, it's not like we're killing people," Mr. Love said. "The site has to do with the twisted way people relate to fame and the way they deify celebrities. Remember how the world went insane over Princess Di?" (Not surprisingly, at 36, she seemed to be on no one's list when she took that fatal midnight ride last August in Paris.)

Speaking for himself, but perhaps for many other pool picks as well, Milton Berle, who turns 90 next month, said last week that "these pools are all well and good — as long as I'm not a part of it."

THE most successful player in the Atwater pool, winning more than $500 for each of the last two years, is Julie Horowitz, development coordinator for the Los Angeles Commission on Assault Against Women. Her secret: "I take notes all year long in the back of my date book and then use it to create the list of 10 names at the end of the year. It's a game of research."

Ms. Horowitz, 34, described the game as "totally addictive" even though "some people I work with are horrified by it and think I'm really sick." While colleagues may not actually play the game, she said, "they sort of get obsessed by it, too."

Interest in Internet versions has swelled so much that some pools specialize in individual celebrities. Several months ago, Michael Moore, the operator of Tregoire's 1998 Dead Pool (www.flash.net/mmoore72/deadpool.htm) spun off a Sinatra-only site.

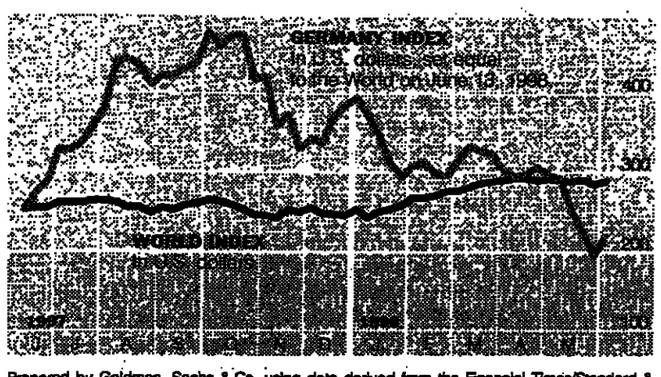
Mr. Moore has just assembled a pool dedicated to Bob Hope, who is 95, and received 300 sign-ups the first week. And that was before the enormous plug the topic got on Friday, when the Associated Press accidentally posted its advance obituary of Mr. Hope on its Web site. On the House floor, Representative Bob Stump, Republican of Arizona, erroneously announced Mr. Hope's death, spurring other news groups to do so, too.

A Washington connection is not new to dead pools. Melody Rutherford, founder of the Celebrity Death Pool, which is based in San Francisco , said one E-mail entry came directly from the Senate floor. The pool (www.melodyr.com/celebritydeathpool) — as well as offshoots she dedicates to politicians and musicians — is open year-round and charges no entrance fee, nor does it offer any monetary awards, Ms. Rutherford said. "Just your name on the winner's page and bad karma," she added.

To indicate how quickly attitudes have shifted on the subject of death — or of good taste — Ms. Rutherford recalled that when she first asked Yahoo, the Web indexer, to list her site three years ago, executives said the content wasn't appropriate. Today, Yahoo lists 18 ghoul pools, including Ms. Rutherford's, which gets more than 1,000 hits a week.

As for Dave, my disgruntled Amex floor trader, the First Lady of the American Stage was in no hurry to accommodate him. Helen Hayes took her final bow nine years later, with dignity, at 92.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS



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PERFORMANCE	IN U.S. DOLLARS						IN LOCAL CURR.	
Country	Index	Week % Chg.	Week Rank	YTD % Chg.	YTD Rank	Dividend Yield	Index	YTD % Chg.
Australia	185.52	–6.6	26	– 7.3	21	3.86	205.40	0.5
Austria	244.09	–0.5	18	29.1	8	1.51	224.87	27.3
Belgium	363.74	2.7	4	42.9	4	2.24	328.04	41.1
Brazil	228.65	4.2	1	– 4.1	19	2.11	484.89	– 1.0
Britain	384.05	1.6	10	15.8	12	2.84	348.01	16.4
Canada	238.42	–1.2	19	12.2	15	1.58	252.04	14.5
Denmark	503.08	–0.2	17	12.4	14	1.31	462.15	10.9
Finland	434.80	2.0	9	56.1	1	1.86	491.65	54.5
France	335.41	3.9	2	40.2	5	1.88	312.81	38.5
Germany	303.71	2.3	7	32.4	6	1.19	279.96	30.5
Hong Kong	253.20	–5.4	24	–29.1	26	6.26	251.92	–29.1
Indonesia	32.46	–6.7	27	–50.9	28	3.05	232.01	4.2
Ireland	514.79	–0.2	16	28.2	10	1.91	509.78	28.4
Italy	170.03	2.4	5	44.5	3	1.27	221.71	42.7
Japan	89.67	–2.3	21	– 5.9	20	1.00	79.10	1.0
Malaysia	138.95	–8.0	29	–15.5	23	3.00	213.28	–13.5
Mexico	1,484.03	1.5	11	–17.7	25	1.71	14,206.33	–10.6
Netherlands	526.88	1.0	13	28.5	9	1.92	480.58	26.7
New Zealand	63.53	–6.3	25	–16.9	24	4.63	65.71	– 6.0
Norway	317.58	1.2	12	– 0.6	18	1.96	321.03	0.4
Philippines	85.69	–2.6	22	8.0	16	1.24	167.30	6.1
Singapore	157.22	–7.7	28	–30.2	27	2.47	123.04	–29.6
South Africa	279.33	–3.5	23	5.3	17	2.75	313.60	11.1
Spain	393.39	3.3	3	44.7	2	1.71	448.68	43.0
Sweden	607.27	2.4	6	29.3	7	1.67	700.80	27.1
Switzerland	412.79	0.9	14	21.1	11	1.09	377.29	22.4
Thailand	16.75	–8.7	30	–13.2	22	9.54	28.14	–22.0
United States	454.42	2.1	8	14.6	13	1.41	454.42	14.6
COMPOSITE INDICES								
Europe	366.16	2.0		26.7		1.96	345.25	26.0
Pacific Basin	96.20	–3.2		– 9.2		1.74	85.34	– 3.2
Europe/Pacific	208.72	0.5		14.5		1.90	183.45	16.1
World	289.83	1.3		14.2		1.65	266.43	15.0

Source: Goldman, Sachs & Co. Exchange rates as of Friday's London close.
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CURRENCIES

Exchange rate	Friday	Last Friday	Week % Chg.	Year Ago
Japanese yen to the U.S. dollar	139.75	138.90	+0.61	114.30
German marks to the U.S. dollar	1.7745	1.7855	–0.62	1.7248
Canadian dollars to the U.S. dollar	1.4577	1.4567	+0.07	1.3830
U.S. dollars to the British pound	1.6353	1.6316	+0.23	1.6317

Source: Bloomberg Financial Markets; exchange rates as of Friday's New York close.

UPS AND DOWNS

June 1–5: U.S. Stocks Rally on Steady Economy; Russia and Asia Remain Turbulent

Sources: Bank Rate Monitor; Bloomberg Financial Markets; The Bond Buyer; Datastream; Goldman, Sachs; IBC's Money Fund Report; Merrill Lynch; Standard & Poor's; Ryan Labs

PRICES

DOMESTIC EQUITIES

Broad market S.&P. 500 index	**Up 2.11%** 1,113.86
Blue chips Dow 30 industrials	**Up 1.55%** 9,037.71
Small capitalization Russell 2000 index	**Down 0.52%** 454.24

DOMESTIC BONDS

Treasuries Ryan Labs. Total Return	**Up 0.04%** 219.52
Municipals Bond Buyer index	**Up 0.10%** 124.03
Corporates Merrill Lynch Master index	**Up 0.01%** 967.86

AROUND THE WORLD

European stocks F.T.-Actuaries Europe	**Up 1.97%** 366.16
Asian stocks F.T.-Actuaries Pacific Basin	**Down 3.15%** 96.20
Gold New York cash price	**Up 0.44%** $293.60

Foreign indexes are given in dollar terms.

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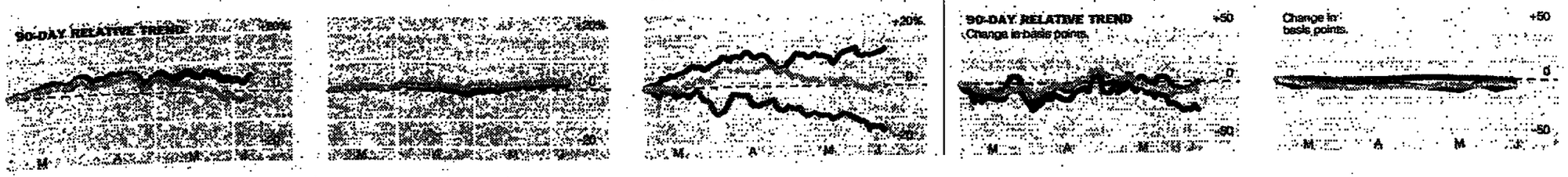
BONDS

Long bonds 30-year Treasuries	**5.78%** Down 2 basis pts.
Notes 2-year Treasuries	**5.57%** Up 5 basis pts.
Municipals Bond Buyer index	**5.22%** Unchanged

100 basis points = 1 percentage point

OTHER INVESTMENTS

Money market funds Taxable average	**5.02%** Up 4 basis pts.
Bank C.D.'s 1-year small savers	**4.97%** Unchanged
Stocks S.&P. 500 dividend yield	**1.44%** Down 3 b.p.



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Remembering Robert Kennedy

When Robert Kennedy's admirers try to explain what made him special, they invariably describe him as a man who changed. Instead of becoming cynical or burned out with time and trouble, they say, Mr. Kennedy became less calculating, more passionate, more sensitive to social injustice. Even Americans who are not old enough to remember him must feel nostalgic at the idea of a man for whom politics was a catalyst for moral growth.

Robert Kennedy, who died 30 years ago this month, is a historical figure untrammeled by history. He was murdered while campaigning for the Presidency at the age of 42, after a career as Attorney General and Senator that lasted less than eight years. He did not leave behind any notable achievement that could have fixed his image to a particular deed. His legacy was a Presidency that never was, a blank slate on which people could draw their visions of a more perfect union.

Like his brother John, Robert Kennedy impressed himself so firmly on the national consciousness that Americans are able to believe in two competing versions of him at the same time. The good Robert Kennedy was a lifelong foe of organized crime. The bad R.F.K. apparently tried to cover up his brother's affair with a mob leader's girlfriend, and probably knew that organized crime figures were working with the Central Intelligence Agency to assassinate Fidel Castro. It is not surprising that this anniversary is bringing forth a rash of biographies in which he is described as a hero to both the left and the right.

But Robert Kennedy's personal story reaches so close to the national core that it may live on as long as the country does. It is a version of the old legend of a knight who purifies himself through great suffering to prepare for a holy quest. Burdened by grief over his brother's assassination, and perhaps a fear that his own complicated relationships with the mob might have somehow led to it, Mr. Kennedy searched for a purpose that could transcend regular politics, and that cause became racial justice.

The Attorney General who wiretapped Martin Luther King's phone became a Presidential candidate who lectured college students about the unfairness of a draft that took poor blacks to war and left middle-class whites to study in comfort. The great tales about the later Robert Kennedy, the one who had changed and been purified, were almost always about poverty and race. "What the hell would you do if you found out that God was black?" he asked white students at a South African university in 1966.

There is no shortage of Kennedy contrarians who scoff at the legend, who point out that the Robert Kennedy who was supposed to be about people, not politics, had no qualms about allowing Eugene McCarthy to take the risks as an anti-war candidate, and then big-footing it into the race once Lyndon Johnson announced his retirement. The record of John Kennedy's Administration has taken a beating on many fronts, and may be tarnished further. But the idea of what happened to Robert Kennedy during the last five years of his life supersedes all that. His legend says that the end of America's own story must be a joining of black and white, but that this great purpose cannot be achieved without enormous struggle and pain. That is the gift of his unlived Presidency.

An Undiluted Agenda for China

President Clinton's visit to China later this month is inextricably entangled in an array of political and security problems that will shadow his trip. Mr. Clinton will need to be sure that he does not gloss over the hard issues in his eagerness to improve relations.

Mr. Clinton, for instance, must not push security matters to the margin when he engages the Chinese leadership on commercial opportunities. The Administration's handling of technology transfers to China has been sloppy, producing at least one potentially serious breach of rocket guidance information. Expanding trade is fine, but not at the cost of sensitive military secrets.

China's own transfer of nuclear technology to Pakistan needs to be addressed. Without the Chinese assistance, Pakistan would not have been able to develop the weapons it tested last month. China's previous promises to prevent the sale of nuclear goods to Pakistan have proved unreliable. Unless China now plays a more constructive role in South Asia, it will be difficult to prevent a nuclear arms race between India and Pakistan.

There may also be a temptation to sidestep China's efforts to influence the 1996 Presidential election with illicit campaign contributions. A Democratic Party contributor, Johnny Chung, has told Federal investigators he donated money provided by a Chinese aerospace company that is controlled by the Chinese military. Armed with that knowledge, Mr. Clinton cannot accept China's bland denials of any attempt to interfere in the American electoral system.

Human rights is another important front. Here, too, Mr. Clinton should not shy away from challenging Chinese conduct. Contrary to demands from Congress that he omit his scheduled stop in Tiananmen Square, Mr. Clinton should go there and affirm America's continuing support for democratic ideals.

Mr. Clinton can far better honor the memory of those massacred in the square nine years ago by visiting, rather than boycotting, the site. Hundreds were killed, but their cause remains alive, thanks to the courage of a few famous dissidents and of thousands of lesser-known Chinese, many still serving prison sentences for their beliefs.

One of the more important powers of a traveling President is the right to speak plainly in lands unaccustomed to open debate. Ronald Reagan used this freedom to good advantage when he visited the Soviet Union in 1988, meeting with prominent dissidents and talking directly to Soviet audiences about the advantages of democracy. Mr. Clinton can do the same in Beijing by using Tiananmen Square as the backdrop for a blunt speech about the value of freedom and human rights.

The easiest course for Mr. Clinton would be to cancel the China trip. He properly rejected that option. But in going he must not duck the issues that divide Washington and Beijing. Stable, mutually beneficial relations will never be possible if American leaders do not forcefully defend American interests.

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The Politics of Embarrassment in Alabama

Fob James gambles that buffoonery will still sell.

Alone among the states of its region, Alabama has not fully turned the New South corner. The main reason for that and for the state's obsessive concern with its national image is its habit of electing governors who expose the state to ridicule. George Wallace fashioned this inferiority complex into a personal political asset with his defiant cry of "Stand Up for Alabama." But even the people who loved Mr. Wallace were humiliated by his ketchup-splattered shirts and masticated cigars. Yet like members of a dysfunctional family, enlightened Alabamians usually kept quiet around outsiders when it came to their feelings of shame and their secret longing for a governor who did not come across as a racist ranter or a corrupt rube.

That tradition of silent shame may have changed on Wednesday when Winton Blount 3d, having won a spot in the Republican gubernatorial runoff, celebrated his victory by saying the E-word. The state's most pressing need, he declared, is a "Governor that won't continually embarrass us." Fob James, the incumbent Governor, responded by suggesting that Mr. Blount was a "fat monkey."

Mr. James's argument that he is "every bit a gentleman" is weakened by his record. He once did an ape imitation before the State Board of Education. He announced that the Bill of Rights does not apply in Alabama. His family owns a landfill that does business with the state, and he wants to grant his son the right to build a private toll bridge. When he welcomes visiting dignitaries, Mr. James often has the rumpled look of a man who slept in his car. All this led The Birmingham News, which is generally kind to Republican incumbents, to editorialize that "Blount's right: James is an embarrassment."

As a native Alabamian with a deep affection for my home state, I salute Mr. Blount for getting the issue of embarrassing governors out in the open and The News for supporting him. This is a terribly important election because it gives Alabama a chance to embark on the journey toward basic economic and educational reform that began in Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi and Florida almost 30 years ago.

Alabama's contrasting lack of progress can be linked directly to its penchant for electing buffoons. Because of the structure of state politics, only a progressive governor can change things. The Legislature is paralyzed by the gambling, timber and trial-lawyer lobbies. The revenue system is a joke, having been tailored by Northern corporations to avoid paying fair taxes on their Alabama holdings. The education budget is sapped by scores of redundant junior colleges, trade schools and faux universities that Mr. Wallace set up as patronage mills. The state's chief asset, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, was built with Federal dollars. Its most important industrial facility, a Mercedes plant near Tuscaloosa, was lured into the state during a happy four years between Mr. James's two terms.

In those terms, Mr. James has established himself as a contender for worst governor of the century, but it will be a hard title to nail down. Mr. Wallace, by virtue of allowing unprosecuted racial violence and a culture of endemic corruption in Montgomery, will probably win. But you've also got to consider Big Jim Folsom's public drunkenness and the hayseed machinations of Guy Hunt, elected in 1990 as the first Republican Governor since Reconstruction. Mr. Hunt used the state plane to deliver him to preaching engagements and set a new standard for rustic manners, conversion of campaign funds to personal use and lack of meaningful knowledge about state business.

Mr. James seems equally devoid of public-policy expertise, but has been more aggressive in showing it. His record has defied any rational analysis. He first won election in 1978 by campaigning in a school bus as the symbol of his promise to improve education. But for the last four years he has kept the state in chaos by arguing that Alabama, which ranks near the bottom of every educational index, is spending too much on education. He is widely regarded as less interested in improving the state than in his wife's apocalyptic religious theories. She, by the way, called Mr. Blount a "big, fat sissy."

Mr. Blount, who is 54 and the son of a former Postmaster General, is only nine years younger than Mr. James, but he represents a new generation in Alabama politics. So does the Democratic nominee, Lieut. Gov. Don Siegelman. If Mr. Blount can defeat Governor James in the June 30 runoff, he will face Mr. Siegelman in November. Then, for the first time in living memory, Alabama will have a choice between two progressive candidates whose public appearances will be occasions of pride rather than dread.

Easing Loans Would Thwart Russian Reforms

To the Editor:

Jeffrey D. Sachs's June 4 Op-Ed article is consistent with the wrongheaded approach he has taken on Russia for several years.

A spontaneous ruble devaluation could mark the end of reform in Russia. Nationalists would seize upon it as proof of a Western conspiracy to destroy the country, and a strongman would arise to "save" Russia. Mr. Sachs wants a devaluation because it is better than letting greedy speculators (like me) and their henchmen from the International Monetary Fund prolong the inevitable crisis.

The key issues now are rooting out corruption in the use of budget funds and increasing tax collections. I.M.F. "conditionality" for further aid is a vital weapon in the hands of Russian reformers, who need the power of the global financial establishment to root out the tax cheats and the thieves.

It would be senseless to throw out the baby of Russia's fledgling capital markets with the bath water of continued corruption by letting fear drive the ruble down. That is why G-7 or I.M.F. assistance makes sense at this time. STEVEN E. HALLIWELL
New York, June 5, 1998
The writer is chief executive of an asset management company.

To the Editor:

Jeffrey D. Sachs (Op-Ed, June 4) is right that the International Monetary Fund is not looking good in Asia and Russia. Its bailouts favor speculators that charged sky-high interest rates and fail to restore output and employment. However, Mexico's bailout was not very different from Russia's and succeeded in restoring growth. It also saved Latin America from a long spell of no growth and inflation. Moreover, it made money for donors. So what are we missing now?

To put it bluntly: not enough money. Partial bailouts may be worse than none. They speed up the exit and do not lay the ground for the early return of flight capital. While $50 billion was enough for Mexico, funds committed for Indonesia are only a fraction of the country's needs.

In addition, since bailouts are accompanied by a nagging foreign presence, political equilibrium is shaken down to its roots, scaring away a wellspring of growth: direct foreign investment. GUILLERMO A. CALVO
College Park, Md., June 4, 1998
The writer is director of the Center for International Economics at the University of Maryland.

To the Editor:

Here we go again: Jeffrey D. Sachs attacks the International Monetary Fund (Op-Ed, June 4). He derides the high interest rates that have been required to retain flight capital, charges that the Russian Government is "corrupt and mismanaged," declares that the ruble probably can't be saved, and proves that the I.M.F. is a poor predictor of the results of its policies.

If money is fleeing Russia, the exchange rate will depreciate unless the central bank can find foreign money to exchange for the rubles presented. It clearly doesn't have it. Does the I.M.F.? Not enough, which suggests that high interest rates be employed to retain the funds.

Mr. Sachs only implies what he would do. I conclude that he would put himself in charge of the monetary fund, not give Russia any money until its Government is replaced, let the exchange rate fall, and give Russia lots of money so it can pay off the foreigners and keep interest rates low. He doesn't provide any predictions of economic performance, but I wouldn't put much confidence in his either. JOHN T. BENNETT
Alexandria, Va., June 4, 1998

To the Editor:

In recent discussions of the collapse of Russian stock prices (news articles, June 1 and 2), little attention has been paid to President Boris N. Yeltsin's April 16 decree ordering partly state-owned companies to pay dividends to the state.

This is positive for Russia's budget, but very negative for private investors. In the long run, stock prices are the discounted present value placed on expected future cash flows.

If we presume partially state-owned enterprises operate with a fixed pool of money for dividends, the new obligation will reduce the money available to pay private shareholders by a percentage equal to the amount of state ownership. In many cases, the Government's equity stake is large and the drop in stock prices has been steep. DAVID J. DALY
London, June 4, 1998

Species Counts Don't Gauge Planet's Health

To the Editor:

The Natural World, your June 2 special section, was an engaging summary of biodiversity issues, but one of your keystones, the word "species," has many muddled meanings. Biologists do not know how to identify or how to define species.

Darwin thought species were not unambiguously identifiable in many situations, and not different from other distinctions like variety or genus. Since Darwin, many biologists have argued that species are real, distinct entities. But were you to ask the biologists you interviewed about the meaning of "species," you could be sure of a wide array of responses.

The surest sign that your articles suffer from biology's "species problem" is the focus on counts. If Darwin was correct, counting species is like counting clouds.

With diversity being lost at frightening rates, biologists should not waste time with counts of little meaning. JODY HEY
Piscataway, N.J., June 3, 1998
The writer is an associate professor of genetics at Rutgers University.

Politics of Biodiversity

To the Editor:

Biodiversity is already as ideologically loaded as multiculturalism (editorial, June 1). This is worsened by two absurd notions: that we are obligated, practically and morally, to preserve all species and that man does not occupy a privileged position.

The first idea can be found nowhere in nature. All evidence shows there is nothing more expendable than life. And if the five previous great extinctions of life led to its enrichment, why should we greet the sixth, largely engineered by man, as less propitious? All the arguments about what man should do lead to one conclusion — that earth's fate depends on the will and



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consciousness of man. That is a privileged position. KEN WHELAN
San Francisco, June 2, 1998

Paying for Open Space

To the Editor:

It is encouraging to see voters across the nation send a clear message with their votes for taxes to preserve open space (editorial, May 31). But not all preservation needs to be financed by taxpayers.

For example, the Federal Government is considering support of a plan to clean and protect more than 90 percent of 7,000 acres of wetlands in New Jersey's Hackensack Meadowlands District. Limited development of about 7 percent of the area would generate the revenue needed.

The plan remains a proposal, not a policy. That is a shame since conservationists and the public are not opposed to growth, just poorly managed growth. RICHARD FRITZKY
Rutherford, N.J., June 3, 1998
The writer is president of the Meadowlands Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Gingrich Trip Showed Support for Mideast Ally

To the Editor:

Thomas L. Friedman (column, June 2) trashes Speaker Newt Gingrich for his behavior on his trip to the Middle East. Mr. Friedman says Mr. Gingrich sacrificed "the efficacy of American diplomacy for the short-term needs of Republican politics."

But Mr. Gingrich was just copying the Clinton Administration. First, it set a deadline for Israel to accept its proposal for withdrawal from the West Bank. But how can we know Israel's vital interests better than the Israelis do? Then Hillary Rodham Clinton stepped up the pressure with her remark about the necessity of a Palestinian state. This statement has never been fully repudiated by her or by the President.

Mr. Friedman cannot see this for what it is — an attempt to look "Presidential" to counter the rotting effects of Monicagate. Mr. Gingrich's motives may not be much more admirable, but at least he is on the side of our most important ally in the region. DAVE M. O'NEILL
New York, June 2, 1998

To the Editor:

Thomas L. Friedman (column, June 2) accuses Speaker Newt Gingrich of pandering because he voiced support for a united Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Has it not occurred to Mr. Friedman that it is possible for an elected official to take a moral stand on an issue that happens to be in sync with many American Jews without the ulterior motive of a "full-body pander for Jewish votes and campaign donations"?

Does Mr. Friedman really think that Mr. Gingrich believes that a significant portion of Jewish Americans would support any Republican for any reason?

It is the position of the United States Congress that Jerusalem is Israel's capital. Mr. Gingrich is a Congressman and is affirming the official position of the body to which he was elected. Did Mr. Friedman accuse Hillary Clinton of pandering for Arab-American votes and dollars when she announced support for a Palestinian state? LISA C. FELDMAN
New York, June 2, 1998

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Sexual Abuses in Church

To the Editor:

It is a sign of progress that the Roman Catholic bishop for the Diocese of Palm Beach apparently became the first high-ranking church official to admit publicly that he had sexually abused minors and that the diocese is asking those who were sexually molested by him to come forward (news article, June 4).

The practice has been for a settlement to be negotiated privately and for the victim to be required to enter into a confidentiality agreement. This has eliminated bad publicity but has exacerbated the problem.

The church now has a fitting opportunity to decide as a matter of principle not to require such agreements and to release all who are bound by them.

If the church does not do so, it will send a message that the appearance of propriety takes precedence over the truth. NICOLE M. ZEISS
Brooklyn, June 4, 1998

Town-House Sprawl

To the Editor:

Re "Suburban Town Houses Losing Their Welcome" (news article, June 1): Town houses were initially accepted not because they reduced sprawl and were therefore environmentally friendly. Rather, they were seen as cheap and available at a time when real estate prices were going through the roof and the supply of affordable detached houses was limited.

Moreover, town house developments do not reduce sprawl because there is no requirement for open space preservation in exchange for increased density. So instead of a tight cluster of buildings surrounded by green open space, the result is block after block of town houses with no open space and precious little greenery. FRANK CHANEY
Director of Land Use
Borough President's Office
Staten Island, June 4, 1998

To the Editor:

Your May 31 front-page article on migrant farm worker housing notes that despite a joint effort by the Government and growers to build housing, workers who follow the harvests rarely benefit.

I worked as a migrant fruit picker for 16 years. The practical answer to the housing problem is for workers to own their own trailers. Growers can provide water and septic facilities in orchards and fields, and workers can gain autonomy and self-respect. Instead of sinking money into sterile barracks, the Government should help migrants who want to own their own homes. How they decide to live in those homes should be up to them. TOBY SONNEMAN
Bellingham, Wash., June 2, 1998

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School For Scandal

NEW ORLEANS

It's 3:30 P.M. on Friday and les bon temps are rolling at Galatoire's. Lawyers in seersucker are smoking big cigars and drinking champagne and telling tall tales. Blondes in flowered chiffon dresses and strappy heels are doing business on cell phones and drinking white wine and flirting with gentlemen at nearby tables.

I'm supposed to be over at the Fairmont Hotel at the annual convention of investigative reporters. I should be attending very serious panels with very serious journalists on the state of investigative reporting. Like "The Clinton Presidency: From the Lincoln Bedroom to Monica," "Nuts and bolts of the Freedom of Information Act," "Medic! Dangerous doctors and deadly nurses," "Census 2000: It's not too early to get ready" and "Digging into city and state records."

But the thought of digging in this heat and humidity is enough to make a girl wilt. Besides, I already know the state of investigative reporting. There is more of it than ever — much of it excellent. But it has less impact than ever.

In the good old Woodward and Bernstein days, reporters who dug up scandal could break a President and make their careers. Now, they can't get any traction. No matter what story they uncover about the White House — Whitewater, Lincoln Bedroom, Buddhist temple, Monica, China missiles — Americans yawn.

In a way, investigative reporters are victims of their own success. They yanked the veil back in so many realms, they exposed so many clay feet, the public grew jaded. The only startling story these days is not a corrupt official, but an honest one.

Not only does President Clinton not sink. He gets more popular with each hit. Investigative reporters, once seen as glamorous and heroic, are now painted as destructive and partisan.

Thanks to the Lanny Davises and Sidney Blumenthals and Larry Klaymans on the left and the right, the substance of a charge quickly gets overshadowed by the issue of who leaked it.

Of course, investigative reporters in Louisiana were always frustrated, because no matter what manner of hedonism or pocket-lining they uncovered about the charming rogues in office, the public was unfazed.

Now, thanks in part to the charming rogue in the Oval Office, the rest of the country has taken on Louisiana's tolerant and bemused attitude.

New Orleans woke up Friday morning to a huge front-page exposé in The Times-Picayune detailing the multimillion-dollar gambling profits reaped by Louisiana's former Governor and scandal impresario, Edwin Edwards, and his friends. The smooth Mr. Edwards, who has eluded reporters and prosecutors for more than a decade, merely dismissed it as "flap trap."

It is telling that one of the legends in journalism, Seymour Hersh, lionized for breaking the My Lai massacre,

Where's the outrage?

was reduced to investigating sex stories about a dead President. He appeared on a panel here called "Reporting the past: Why challenge the J.F.K. myth and history?" He says that when he gets nostalgic for the golden days, he just pops his Nixon resignation tape into the VCR.

Charles Lewis, who heads the Center for Public Integrity and who has just been awarded a MacArthur genius award for his work in helping reveal official corruption, is discouraged about the "numb" public.

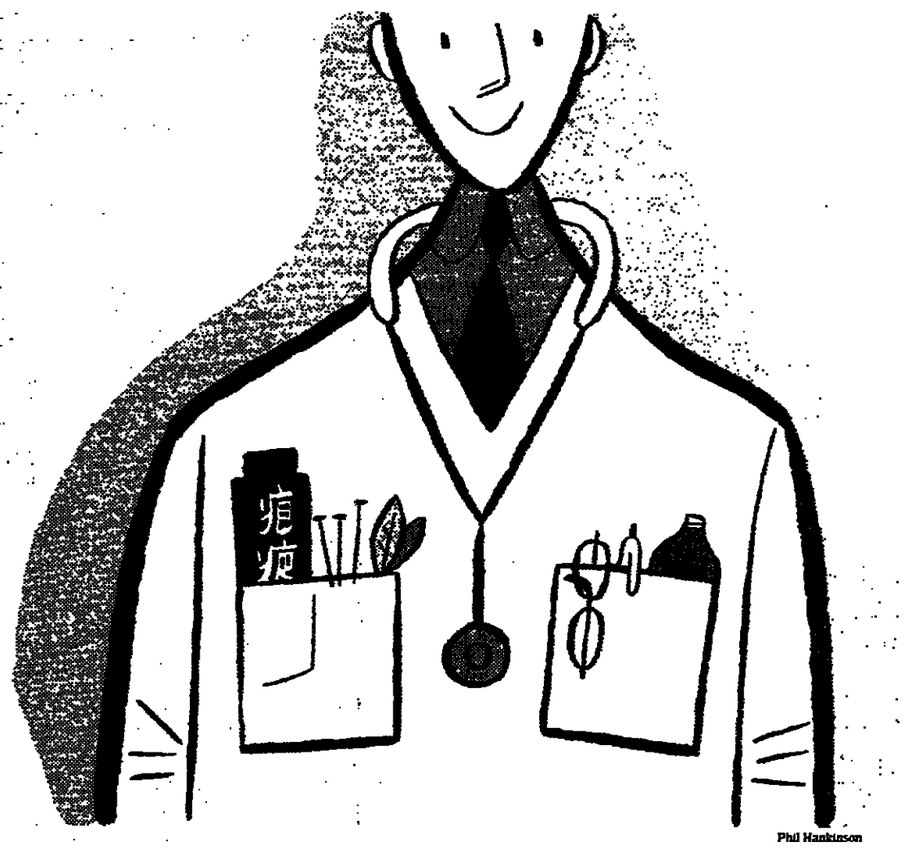
"We live in this bland yuppified era when people just care about fresh-squeezed orange juice and watching the stock numbers in the paper," he said.

Glen Bunting of The Los Angeles Times agreed. "We want to break good old-fashioned gotcha stories that grab the readers by the lapel," he said. "But we can't seem to break through. The readers think they've heard it all before.

"It used to be that I'd go to a cocktail party and people would say, 'Wow! You're an investigative reporter? That's fantastic.' Now they say, 'You're the one that did that story? You're the bad guys.' "

The old image of swaggering investigators in trench coats, noble watchdogs over a political system inexorably drawn to sin, has vanished. They're still trying to be watchdogs, but without an eager audience, they've lost their swagger. In New Orleans, yuppies in khakis, with beepers on their belts, were not addressing the ennui at the core of their profession. They were planning volleyball games, going to the gym and attending workshops about using computer data bases and Internet sites.

So many investigations, so little outrage.



Phil Hankinson

H.M.O.'s Could Save Your Life

By Susan Love

LOS ANGELES

The future of health care in this country is about to be decided yet again by advertising campaigns and sob stories. Some lobbyists and public relations firms, pushing for tougher regulations, are parading patients who tearfully complain of abuse by mean-spirited, money-hungry managed-care companies. Others claim that regulation will only lead to higher premiums and more uninsured people.

Into this murky debate step members of Congress and state legislators, who are falling over themselves to offer legislation that would establish a "patients' bill of rights." For the most part, these bills would force managed-care companies to pay for specific kinds of care, expand a patient's choice of doctors and require plans to document the outcome of the treatment.

Such legislation tends to cast managed care as the enemy of good medicine. This is the wrong approach. Although H.M.O.'s definitely need more regulation and oversight, they may still be the best way to insure high-quality care in an efficient, cost-effective manner.

Many doctors and politicians want us to believe that we just have to get back to the good old days. But after 12 years as a surgeon in Boston and an additional six in Los Angeles, I can tell you that the good old days were not always so great for patients or doctors.

In the 1980's, medical costs were spiraling upward and yet the care itself and survival rates were not improving at the same rate. Tests abounded. As Dr. Marcia Angell, the executive editor of The New England Journal of Medicine, once said, if you think you are healthy, you have not had enough tests done yet.

How did this happen? The economic incentives encouraged overtreatment. The more tests, operations and procedures we did as doctors, the more we were rewarded by insurance companies. It didn't matter whether the tests or treatments were necessary.

In most economic markets, it is the consumers who decide when the cost outweighs the benefits. They simply refuse to pay. But in the area of health care, the consumer-patients were not the ones paying the bill. For the most part they had insurance, provided by their employers, that covered all their medical expenses. Patients certainly had no incentive and too little information to question their high-priced and often excessive care.

The system also discouraged preventive medicine. In the heyday of fee-for-service plans, insurance would not cover annual physical exams, birth control, baby care or even immunizations; nor would it cover Pap smears or mammograms.

Radical change was in order. But the transformation felt like a revolution from on high. It seemed as if it was imposed against the public's will, sparking fear, suspicion and mistrust. Today, patients no longer feel as if they have any say in their care. It seems to be controlled by employers in cahoots with the H.M.O.'s. And the public doesn't trust either of them.

Now no longer paid to overtreat their patients, doctors are encouraged to limit care to that which is absolutely necessary. But hiring the cheapest doctors and giving them incentives to keep costs down do not insure satisfactory care or happy patients.

This first phase of the revolution hasn't been perfect, but that doesn't mean it has to be abandoned.

First, H.M.O.'s can develop uniform standards of care and insure that doctors adhere to them. For example, recent studies from the American College of Surgeons have shown that treatment for women with breast cancer varies according to where they live. Obviously, a woman with breast cancer shouldn't be more likely to get a mastectomy simply because she lives in the South. H.M.O.'s are a perfect vehicle to insure that all doctors are using up-to-date treatments.

Stop bashing managed care, and start fixing it.

Second, H.M.O.'s can educate patients on what is appropriate care. Many patients are so used to overtreatment that the proper course can seem like a deprivation. For instance, the overuse of antibiotics to treat colds has led to drug-resistant bacteria, yet patients still want all the drugs they have become accustomed to.

Third, managed care can be more centered around the patient. In the past, appointments were scheduled at the convenience of the doctor or hospital, and — remember — patients were made to wait then, too. Now that health plans are vying for members, they have just begun to worry about patient satisfaction — though they have a long way to go.

Fourth, managed-care companies can broaden the range of treatment. Studies have already shown that H.M.O.'s do a better job with preventive services like mammograms, Pap smears and immunizations. And many H.M.O.'s like Oxford are beginning to cover alternative therapies, like acupuncture and biofeedback.

Instead of encouraging H.M.O.'s to fulfill this potential, however, Congress and state legislatures prefer to zero in on the abuses, offering quick fixes that will do little to help. Here are some examples of what to avoid:

Playing doctor. Many states have passed legislation, for example, requiring managed-care companies to allow two-day hospital stays after a mastectomy. But in my years as a breast cancer surgeon, I often sent women home the same day after a mastectomy. They did fine, but they also had a lot of education and support.

"Drive through" mastectomies aren't the problem. It's the lack of a support system and the fact that women don't want their H.M.O.'s telling them what to do. The answer is not for legislatures to decide what the appropriate treatment is, but to give patients a say in their care. This can happen if patients have a place at the table when H.M.O.'s make their policies.

Creating false demands. In the movement for a patient bill of rights, many members of Congress are touting the expansion of "patient choice." But I am not sure that people are really demanding more doctors to choose from. They just want the best medical treatment. After all, how did they choose doctors in the old system? More often than not, they asked Aunt Mabel or a neighbor. This did not insure quality care.

When we get on a plane we do not choose our pilot. We trust the airline to choose qualified pilots. In a similar way, patients would be much more comfortable if they knew that a certain health plan maintained strict quality control, picking its doctors carefully. So legislation should be more concerned with assuring quality by forcing health plans to reveal how they recruit, select and pay doctors.

Relying too much on statistics to improve quality. The collection of data on complications and the results of treatment is important in the long run, but it will do little to solve the immediate problem — the patient's lack of trust in the system. It would be better to require all health plans to publish their guidelines for treatment, along with the supporting evidence. We also need timely, independent appeal procedures to assure that we can challenge those decisions.

Managed care has many problems, but it retains much potential. Going back to "the good old days" or passing quick-fix legislation won't do much to improve medical care. Instead, we must demand that our employers use their clout not just to lower health costs but also to improve quality. We must demand that H.M.O.'s publicize their policies and guidelines, as well as defend them.

In sum, let's not bash managed care, but improve it.

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In America

BOB HERBERT

At What Cost?

It has a nice name, the "African Growth and Opportunity Act," and a clever slogan, "trade not aid," but a bill now before Congress is in fact an enormous benefits package for thriving multinational corporations and a threat to the very sovereignty of the sub-Saharan nations that sponsors of the bill say they want to help.

The bill narrowly passed the House in March, where it was introduced and pushed hard by Representative Philip Crane, an Illinois Republican who has referred to some developing African countries and their leaders as "retards." (A spokeswoman told me on Friday that the Congressman had not intended to offend anyone.)

The sponsor in the Senate, which has yet to vote on the measure, is Richard Lugar, an Indiana Republican. The bill has the strong backing of the Clinton Administration, as well as such giant corporations as Texaco, Coca-Cola and Kmart.

The aim of the bill is to liberalize trade between the United States and Africa. It would, among other things, allow duty-free and quota-free exports to the U.S. for 10 years, support the creation of a U.S.-sub-Sahara free-trade agreement and encourage the Overseas Private Investment Corporation to set up funds to stimulate private development in Africa.

But the bill also makes some demands. In essence, participating countries would have to adhere to the harsh and often inhumane requirements of the International Monetary Fund. Thus, these underdeveloped and often very poor countries would have to undergo a radical economic restructuring that would include cuts in corporate taxes, reductions in government spending and privatization of some of their most valuable assets — mines, forests, harbors, oil wells and the like — with the multinationals and other wealthy foreign investors ready to snap them up at fire-sale prices.

"What does this mean to the people on the ground in these countries?" asked Randall Robinson, the president of TransAfrica and an opponent of the Crane-Lugar bill.

He noted that I.M.F. structural adjustment programs are already under way in some African countries and studies of those programs have shown disturbing effects. Ghana is one example. It is cited as an I.M.F. success story. And yet, as Mr. Robinson pointed out, public spending on education, health and agriculture — in accordance with I.M.F. dictates to limit spending — has been falling. Health care for the poor has taken a particularly heavy hit, even though children are dying in staggering numbers.

Half of all deaths in Ghana in recent years have been of children under 5, though that age group makes up just one-fifth of the country's population.

In Senegal, under the guidance of the I.M.F., spending on education has been cut. One might ask what sense this makes in a country in which more than 65 percent of adults and 77 percent of all women are illiterate.

A trade bill makes inhumane demands.

From the point of view of the I.M.F. and the multinationals, it makes economic sense.

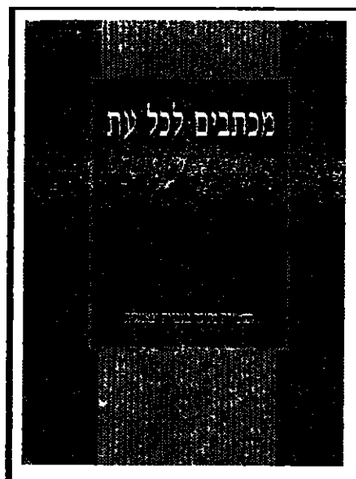
The trade bill also requires participating countries to join the World Trade Organization, even though many African countries have chosen not to join. The Organization for Economic Development, a supporter of the W.T.O., has reported that sub-Saharan Africa would be a loser under W.T.O. rules because countries that import more food than they export would inevitably be hurt by requirements to cut domestic agriculture subsidies.

This is not a small matter. Four in 10 Africans suffer in some degree from hunger or malnutrition. Agricultural subsidies can be a matter of life and death in such populations.

But the trade bill fashioned in Washington says simply: you will join the W.T.O.

Attempts to amend the bill — to modify the most onerous requirements — have been beaten back. President Nelson Mandela of South Africa has characterized the bill as "not acceptable." But most sub-Saharan leaders, faced with desperately poor populations and desperately high unemployment, have signed on. They appear to hope that in some way, somehow, a trade agreement with the big boys, with the United States and its great corporations, will alleviate their economic suffering.

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THE ARTS

Orchestrating the Show Within

By NORA SAYRE

GENE KELLY splashing sublimely through the puddles, Debbie Reynolds bursting out of a huge cake, Jean Hagen as a talentless jazz-age movie actress who declares, "I make more money than Calvin Coolidge put together!" and Fred Astaire cutting loose in a penny arcade: we owe these moments to Betty Comden and Adolph Green, though admittedly the two writers had some assistance from directors, composers, choreographers and the performers themselves.

A good many of the ebullient lyrics and scripts that kept Ms. Comden and Mr. Green commuting between Broadway and Hollywood for decades express their irreverent affection for movies and the theater: when they present a show within a show, it's larded with fond mockery. And ever since musicals began to ape the refinements of "The King and I" and "My Fair Lady," the Comden-Green creations have appeared all the more visceral and funny.

The genesis of "Singin' in the Rain" (1952), the most famous Comden and Green's films, was somewhat haphazard. In 1950 the producer Arthur Freed handed a batch of songs he had written with Nacio Herb Brown to Ms. Comden and Mr. Green, asking them to write a picture called "Singin' in the Rain." They knew that at some point there would be a rainy scene in which someone would sing, but all they had was a stack of sheet music, no hint of a story. They decided that the songs should be presented in the context of the 1920's, when they were written, and linked to the silent movies of that era. So they focused on the impact of sound on the film industry and the ensuing turmoil. When performers must take lessons in diction, Kelly and Donald O'Connor chant some foot-tapping Comden-Green lyrics — "If Moses supposes his toeses are roses/ Then Moses supposes erroneously" — and Ms. Hagen's character, cursed with a whinnying nasal voice, practices saying "I ... cahn't ... stan-nim" as her accent worsens.

The writers developed a treasury of sight gags when Ms. Hagen was wired for sound: while a microphone is hidden in her décolletage, it amplifies her heartbeat, then we hear her pearls clacking loudly together. At a preview, the actors' lines are hilariously out of sync. Ms. Comden and Mr. Green were painfully aware of the history of the ruined careers of performers with ridiculous or ugly voices, but their movie also cherishes the ludicrous. Moreover, "Singin' in the Rain" eschews the mush that creeps into many fine musicals, and there are none of the wordy lulls between numbers that make audiences mutter and shuffle.

In "The Band Wagon" (1953), a distressed Fred Astaire asks, "What's happened to 42d Street?" as he gazes unhappily at the tawdry marquees and recalls that this was once the home of distinguished theater. This movie, directed by Vincente Minnelli, was an anthology of songs by Howard Dietz and Arthur Schwartz that were mostly written for revues. Ms. Comden and Mr. Green devised a theatrical setting, using some of their backstage experiences: the angst before an opening, the disastrous first night in New Haven, the desperate rewrites. When they gave Astaire the role of a fading star, they drew on their own early discouragements in the years before their success. And they modeled a pair of playwrights, Nanette Fabray and Oscar Levant, on themselves. The normally morose Levant seems far more enthusiastic in this picture than in any other — because he was imitating Adolph Green.

As you watch Astaire dancing with a shoeshine man or battling black-suited hoods in a parody of a Mickey Spillane thriller, you're elated to see him kneel, so you can relish the agility with which he springs to his feet. You remember that he often dances with his hands clasped casually behind his back, as in the magical duet where he and Ms. Charisse glide through the dusk in a corner of Central Park.

Ms. Comden (from Brooklyn) and Mr. Green (from the Bronx) have always celebrated New York. And many of us feel rather possessive of "On the Town," especially the great opening number, in which the three sailors spill from their ship to lead "a lifetime in just one day," to revel in chance encounters and unforeseeable adventures.

The movie, directed by Kelly and Donen and shot partly on location, begins with the vibrant energy the show demands, when Kelly, the rubbery comedian Jules Munshin and a spindly young Frank Sinatra (timid with women and given to eloquent shrugs) hurl themselves at the skyline. Rushing from the Brooklyn Bridge to Wall Street, to Times Square, to Rockefeller Center, they capture the spirit of a city whose only tradition is perpetual change, where there's no defense against the entangling lives of strangers: you may get a bullet or a bunch of flowers that was meant for someone else.

Yet much of the rest of the movie is disappointing. The reasons are drastically simple. MGM bought the rights to the Broadway production before it opened at the end of 1944. The musical was a colossal hit, but Louis B. Mayer was repelled when he finally saw it. Above all, the studio pundits loathed Leonard Bernstein's magnificent score, considering it inaccessible. When the movie was made in 1949, most of the Bernstein songs were cut. Roger Edens was commissioned to compose new ones, and Ms. Comden and Mr. Green were under contract to provide the lyrics. There are beguiling moments, but the movie mainly swells your appetite for the Broadway revival that's scheduled for fall.

NO hoofer gets tipsy quite so joyfully as Gene Kelly; as a dancing drunk in "It's Always Fair Weather" (1955), he's boneless when his legs fly sideways. With Dan Dailey and Michael Kidd he cavorts beneath the Third Avenue El: each has a foot attached to a garbage-can lid, banging it rhythmically upon the pavement. The movie, directed by Kelly and Donen with Comden-Green lyrics and script, was conceived as a sort of sequel to "On the Town": what would happen to the young men after the war? In "Fair Weather" three soldiers vow to meet again 10 years later — and when they do, they find they can't stomach one another.

The theme is erosion: of friendship, of beliefs. Feeling degraded by their lives and jobs — a would-be chef runs a burger joint in Schenectady, an ex-painter is an advertising executive — the characters gave their creators an opportunity to lampoon television (as Hollywood often did in the 1950's, when it was losing its audience to the small screen). The writers made clever use of Cinemascope: as the men regret their reunion, the screen splits into three panels and we hear each one's private complaints sung to the tune of "The Blue Danube": "This thing is a frost/ I'd like to get lost ... That one's a heel/ And I'm a schlemiel." Dailey's virulent alcoholic song about the idiocies of Madison Avenue, "Situation-wise," and Kelly's sidewalk tap dance on roller skates as his self-confidence builds heighten the originality of a vivacious musical that's steeped in skepticism.



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Debbie Reynolds and Gene Kelly in "Singin' in the Rain"; Betty Comden and Adolph Green wrote the 1952 musical film's screenplay.

IN the midst of pungent satire, pretensions die quickly in Comden-Green movies while melancholy hovers in the wings. There's a ground note of loneliness, and crises carry the threat of failure: the show may fold; the football game could be lost; the star hates the ingénue; the playwright will be fired if he misses the deadline; the desirable young woman has vanished — perhaps for good. But although a subtle pessimism flavors some of the scripts, optimism pervades "Bells Are Ringing," directed in 1960 by Minnelli, with music by Jule Styne.

Ms. Comden and Mr. Green write superb parts for performers — undoubtedly because they've been performers since they appeared in their own sketches at the Village Vanguard, then as two of the leads in "On the Town" and in "A Party With Comden and Green," a two-person evening with selections from their shows and movies. The role they designed for their friend Judy Holliday, a colleague from their nightclub days, was inspired by the phone book: seeing ads for answering services, they discovered that such a business could consist of one person announcing, "Mrs. Vanderbilt's residence" from a shabby basement room. That seemed a likely setting for a young woman once employed on the switchboard of the Bonjour Tristesse Brassiere Company.

As the artful message-taker solves her clients' problems, Holliday emits a resilient gaiety. At jubilant moments she swaggers; determination makes her walk on a forward slant; when exasperated, she lets out a guttural scream. The writers provided Holliday with an intelligent character — an exhilarating change from the apparent fluff heads she often played — and a temperament so engaging that she could persuade a crowd of cross New Yorkers to greet their fellow citizens. Like certain rare clowns, Holliday was gifted at pathos: when she sings "The Party's Over," love seems to evaporate like mist on the East River.

Conflicts were crucial to Comden-Green movies and collisions supplied some memorable scenes. As a quarrelsome couple in "The Barkleys of Broadway" (1949), Astaire and Ginger Rogers float in and out of each other's arms, exchanging testy remarks that further divide them. Astaire was even given a chance to glower, which was unusual for him. What Ms. Comden and Mr. Green wrote often freed actors to play against type or to extend their range, as when Astaire strolls through Grand Central Terminal in "The Band Wagon," singing the somber "By Myself" and then lightening his mood by quickening his pace, or when Holliday asserts in "Is It a Crime?" that she could have saved the lives of Romeo and Juliet by relaying their messages: had they subscribed to her answering service, "Those two kids would be alive today!" That number was cut from "Bells Are Ringing," but its logic displays the enthralling ingenuity of Betty Comden and Adolph Green.

The Problem of Courtney

COURTNEY LOVE has a genius for alienating people. That's one indisputable fact that emerges in "Kurt and Courtney," the documentary by Nick Broomfield that opened on Friday. Ex-boyfriends, ex-employees, acquaintances and even Ms. Love's father are more than happy to say nasty things about her. Many accuse her of complicity or worse in the death of her husband, Kurt Cobain, who brought punk to the American masses as the leader of Nirvana. In a strange way, the film is almost enough to create a backlash of sympathy for her. Almost.

Cobain's death in April 1994 and Ms. Love's subsequent transformation from a grunge Fury to a designer-dressed movie actress have left her stranded between pop-culture archetypes. Is she a 1990's Yoko Ono, a strong woman with her own artistic efforts who was reviled for her effect on her more famous husband? Is she a conniving would-be star who used her music and husband as stepping stones toward fame? Is she an ex-punk who, unlike Cobain, couldn't resist selling out? Or is she, as some of the people in "Kurt and Courtney" believe, a character out of film noir, coldly plotting the death of her naïve husband to get her hands on his money?

Mr. Broomfield, the drolly subjective narrator of his own film, went to Seattle to report on Cobain's life and death. Cobain was officially ruled a suicide; he was found dead from a shotgun blast, with heroin in his blood and a handwritten letter and identification near his body. Ms. Love refused to be interviewed by Mr. Broomfield, and refused to allow the use of Nirvana's songs in the film. Dave Grohl and Krist Novoselic of Nirvana are also absent from the film. Mr. Broomfield was left with tales of conspiracy to murder, conflicting interpretations of the evidence at the death scene and hearsay about Ms. Love's intense interest in her husband's will.

As glimpsed in the film, Ms. Love is no charmer. In an abortive "Today" show interview, she refuses to discuss her heroin addiction, something she had admitted to in the past; she decrees that she doesn't want to talk about it for the morning show's "demographic," making her seem both calculating and clumsy. Outside the 1997 Academy Awards ceremony, she flaunts long fingernails as proof that she hasn't been playing guitar, then blithely says, "When these come off, it's about the grunge," as if songs that sound as if they're wrenched from the soul are just a fashion choice. The death threats that she and Cobain left on a journalist's answering machine aren't exactly endearing, either.

Several people interviewed in the film insist that Ms. Love has something terrible to hide. There are, however, some possible alternative explanations for Ms. Love's stonewalling. Perhaps she had been talking about Cobain's will because she was worried about his committing suicide or overdosing; he was, after all, a heroin addict. She had recently had their child, Frances, and many people make wills when children are born.

Perhaps she didn't want to discuss Cobain's death for the film because the topic was painful for her, or because she thought she had said enough in a public memorial during which she read his final letter in tears. Perhaps, after flaunting all sorts of things about her past to the press, she was having second thoughts about doing these sorts of interviews. Perhaps she wanted the whole thing to go away.

One of the journalists she threatened, Lynn Hirschberg, had reported in Vanity Fair in 1992 that Ms. Love had used heroin while she was pregnant. That contention led to a battle (described in Michael Azzerad's Nirvana biography, "Come as You Are") with government child-care agencies over whether she and Cobain were fit parents. The situation could make a new mother act recklessly.

Even under ordinary circumstances, the punk-rock underground is not exactly a hotbed of judicious diplomacy. Cobain and Ms. Love moved in a sphere filled with junkies, hustlers, sociopaths, groupies and freeloaders, not to mention artists. They were surrounded by people who were on the make, or self-destructive, or both; sleaze was everywhere, and so was a bizarre theatricality. It's a zone where throwing a drink in somebody's face (as an ex-boyfriend recalls Ms. Love's doing when they met) isn't exactly unheard of. Mr. Broomfield is properly skeptical about most of the people he interviews; corroborating evidence for their stories, he shows, is hard to come by.



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Courtney Love at the Oscars last year.

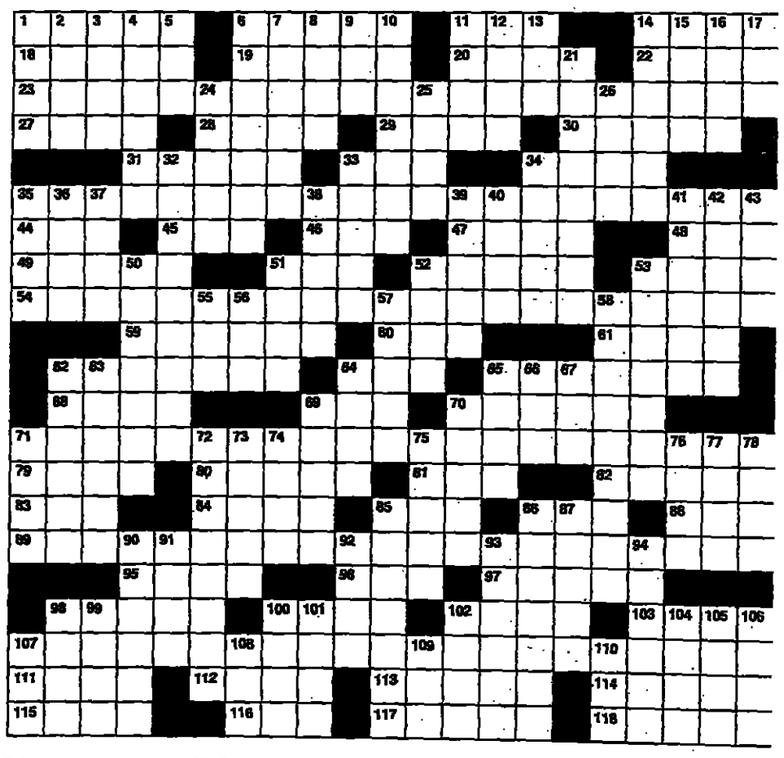
Exaggeration, not understatement, goes with the punk territory, where obnoxiousness can be a sign of creativity. Punk songs use violence as both reportage and metaphor; they vent unpretty emotions in the name of catharsis, truth and thrills. Ms. Love used to treat other public encounters that way, too. As her band, Hole, was making itself known, Ms. Love was the woman who might take off her clothes or say anything, blurting out the thoughts that nice girls hid. She preferred attention to privacy, and she was at least as ambitious as any other songwriter who's convinced that the world needs to hear her.

But now Ms. Love, like her observers, is stuck between irreconcilable archetypes. She has received, as Hole's version of a Young Marble Giants song sarcastically phrases it, "credit in the straight world"; she's rich, famous and too well documented for her own comfort. When she acts up now, there are paparazzi and gossip columnists waiting to tell the world. And what was unexceptional behavior in the punk-rock sphere — like writing a poem as a teen-ager that announced, "I'll destroy anyone in my way" — can now, in tabloid style, be presented as ominous foreshadowing by her embittered father.

Cobain's suicide note suggests that he couldn't handle the pressures of being a commercial blockbuster. His widow isn't doing so well, either. Many people who thought Hole's first two albums were startlingly honest feel duped or disgusted by Ms. Love's transformation; after all, there's a difference between maturing and turning into a high-gloss phony. Hole's new album, due in the fall, has a lot riding on it: does the millionaire actress have anything to say to the people in the mosh pit?

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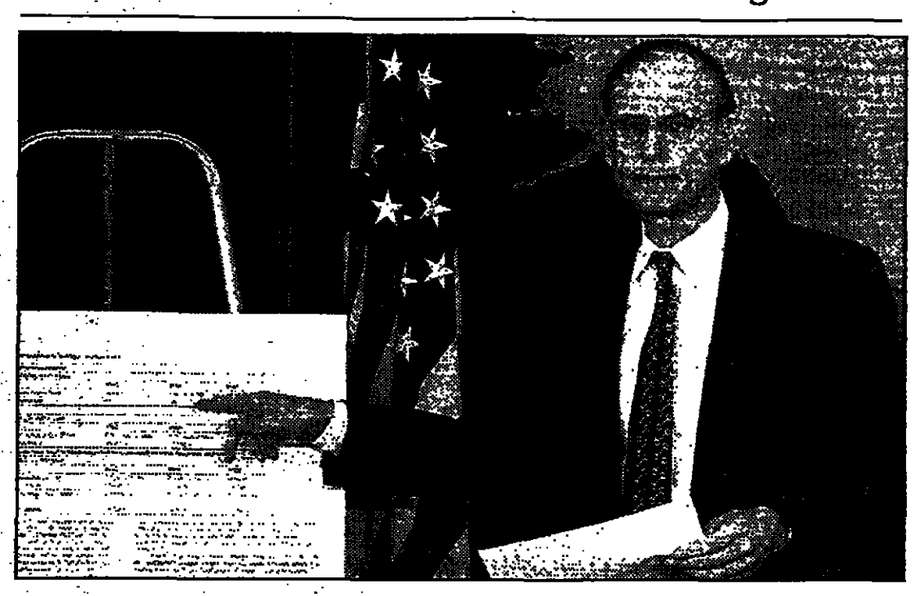
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A lingering ledger of grief

A US government report issued last week puts the value of Nazi gold taken from Holocaust victims at twice its previously estimated value. Marilyn Henry reviews new data presented in the report on just how the Nazis obtained and used the gold



'Between a bitter past and a better future': Eizenstat explains the new, 'dramatic' estimate of victim gold in the State Department last week. (AP/Ron Edmonds)

The gold of Holocaust victims – their rings and watches and dental fillings – was mixed in with the gold of European banks and used to finance the Nazi war effort.

But before it was disguised, it was carefully sorted by the Reichsbank. The bank would take its SS deliveries, keep the gold and silver coins and bullion in its own holdings, and pass on the rest. Rings and gold teeth were sent to the Prussian State Mint, smelted into bars, then returned to the Reichsbank, which incorporated them into its holdings.

Precious stones, jewelry and larger items made of precious metals were sent to the Berlin Municipal Pawn Shop. Some were sold abroad for foreign currency, while the rest were sent to the Degussa Company to be smelted.

These looted valuables, their origins destroyed or concealed, became part of the mass that the Nazis filtered to finance their war effort. Most went through the Swiss National Bank, which traded the gold for Swiss francs, the only valuable currency in war-time Europe, which was then used to buy raw materials from the neutral states.

The value of the Jewish gold can never be calculated. But last week the US government issued a new estimate of the victim gold absorbed into the so-called Melmer account at the Reichsbank, used for deposits of Holocaust victims' personal possessions.

According to the US government, $4.6 million in wartime value (worth more than $40 million today) of victim gold ended up in the Melmer account. That is double the previous American estimate of the gold in the account, named after SS Captain Bruno Melmer, who delivered the shipments.

The findings on victim gold "are the most dramatic" of the second American report on Nazi loot, US Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat said Tuesday. In its first historical report, issued *in May 1997, the US said that* some victim gold was incorporated by the Reichsbank into its reserves.

After the war, some of it was among the Nazi gold that had been recovered by the Allies and transferred into the Tripartite Gold Commission's "gold pool," used to compensate the formerly occupied European countries for the gold looted by the Nazis.

During the war, the victim gold from the Melmer account traveled widely, and not only to finance strategic materials. The Dresdner Bank and the Deutsche Bank obtained nearly $1 million in victim gold from the Melmer account. Some of this they likely sold on the Turkish free market, according to the report, called "US and Allied Wartime and Postwar Negotiations with Argentina, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and Turkey on Looted Gold and German External Assets and US Concerns about the Fate of the Wartime Ustasha Treasury," released in Washington.

Further, records indicate that Degussa, the smelter, knew what it was handling and tried to destroy evidence of the gold's origin, the Eizenstat report said.

The total amount credited to the SS for the gold in its loot shipments to the Reichsbank was, by conservative estimates, at least $4,652,606.48, the Eizenstat report said, citing an analysis of microfilms of undated studies conducted by the German chief of the Precious Metals Department, Albert Thoms.

His studies included columns for gruesome categories of loot in the SS shipments, including "Gold and Silver Coins," "Purses, knives and forks, jewels, pearls, gold and diamond rings, watches, etc." and "*Dental Gold, broken gold, silver, etc.*"

The estimate pertains only to the amount that the Reichsbank apparently credited to the SS for the gold in its loot shipments. However, the figure appears low, according to the American report. It says that Police Leader Odilo Globocnik *reported in* 1944 that he had shipped some $3,986,953.66 in gold bullion and coins to the SS in Berlin to be forwarded to the Reichsbank during Operation Reinhard. That was the SS program for exploiting Jewish property and labor and murdering millions of Jews *in Eastern Poland. The gold* shipped by Globocnik, which was deposited in the Melmer account, did not include the gold looted from Nazi victims at Auschwitz and at the concentration camps and slave labor camps outside Lublin District in Poland.

Further, the gold in the SS shipments to the Reichsbank probably represented only a fraction of the gold looted from individuals, because the victims of the concentration camps had already been stripped of most of their valuables before they arrived at the camps, the report said.

Beginning in 1939, for example, Jews in Germany and German-occupied areas were forced to turn over jewelry and other personal items containing gold.

Not all victim gold was funneled directly into financing the German war effort, the Eizenstat report said. For example, most of the gold and valuables of the Jewish, Serbian and Sinti-Romany victims of the fascist Ustasha in Croatia remains unaccounted for. It seems to have been used, in part, to finance the escape of Croatian and other war criminals in Europe after the end *of the war.*

The American "historical exercise" was not intended only to unearth and analyze the facts, Eizenstat said.

"Such exercises are also meant to be bridges: between searing history and enduring memory; between brutality and humanity; and between a bitter past and a better future." "It is our hope that this study, like its predecessor last year, can contribute to a greater understanding of this terrible period in history as well as to a greater urgency in the quest for justice," he said.

He called on other nations that have established historical commissions to set a deadline of December 31, 1999 to conclude their work and to disburse a "generous portion" of the funds that are being established to help survivors.

"By completing the unfinished business of the middle of this century by its end," Eizenstat said, "we can enter the new millennium having attempted a moral accounting of this lingering ledger of grief."

A softer line on the neutrals

The US, stumbling over modern sensibilities and historical exigencies, last week softened its year-old indictment of war-time neutrality, even as it assailed the neutrals for trading with the Nazis.

US Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat took Portugal, Spain, Sweden and Turkey to task Tuesday in Washington when he released the second American historical report on Nazi loot. Each of the neutrals, it said, "made a substantial contribution to the economic foundations of the Nazi war effort." They supplied the Nazis with hundreds of millions of dollars in critical raw materials – much of which was financed with gold that the Nazis looted from European banks and Holocaust victims and that passed through, to varying degrees, the European neutrals' National Banks.

Another neutral, Switzerland, was the focus of the first American report on Nazi gold, released in May 1997.

"Different countries contributed to the German war effort in different ways at different times," he said. "These different roles reflected both their distinctive history, geography, previous relationships with the wartime belligerents and, in the case of Sweden and Switzerland, longstanding traditions of neutrality."

Eizenstat's "nuanced" view of the "complex phenomenon of neutrality" during World War II said another motivating factor was "the desire to reap economic rewards." The Allies were often frustrated by the neutrals' "legalistic justifications" for their actions, Eizenstat said this week.

That frustration was also evident in May 1997, Eizenstat was emphatic when he released the first American report on Nazi gold. "In the unique circumstances of World War II, neutrality collided with morality, too often being neutral provided a pretext for avoiding moral considerations," Eizenstat said last year.

In a more sympathetic tone last week, Eizenstat wrote in the foreword to the new report that, to some degree, the European neutrals faced "extraordinarily difficult pressures from Nazi Germany, along with other counter-pressures by the Allies, which together forced implacable choices on each country." They reacted to those pressures in different ways, reflecting their specific circumstances, their leaders' attitudes and "the more enduring features of their own economies and geography."

The neutrals' actions were both consistent and inconsistent with their claims of neutrality, Eizenstat wrote. For example, Sweden permitted German troops to regularly cross its territory and protected German shipping in the Baltic. These were hardly "neutral" acts, Eizenstat said. On the other hand, Sweden provided refuge for some 7,000 Danish Jews and the Swedish envoy Raoul Wallenberg extended protection to 20,000 to 30,000 Jews in Hungary.

Switzerland helped Germany *finance its war effort by accepting* looted Nazi gold for Swiss currency, which Germany used to buy strategic materials from the other neutrals. But, Eizenstat wrote, Switzerland also let the OSS (the forerunner of the CIA) use Bern as its major listening post in Europe and, throughout the war, Switzerland was the protecting power for Allied POWs. Although diplomatic in assessing blame, a half-century later, Eizenstat implied that neutrality was no longer acceptable. The international standards of morality and proper conduct have evolved since the end of World War II, he said.

"The searing experience of the war itself, the Holocaust which it wrought, the Nuremberg trials, and the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights together injected a new moral content into accepted international norms of conduct." –*M.H.*

The father, the son and the holy babas

Benny or Gabi?

On November 13, one of them will be mayor of Dimona. The other will go home and cry in his pillow.

This fight's a lulu. In one corner, we have Gabi Laloush, 50-year-old champion since 1989. *In the other, challenger Benny* Biton, 38. The referee is Albert Asaf, deputy mayor and one of our odder politicians.

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Sam Orbaum

Since late last year, Gabi and *Benny have been* trash-talking each other, and it's gotten downright personal. They wail and flail at each other in the local newspapers, through city councillors, even on posters pasted on trucks, but not face to face. Uh-uh. They ain't talking to each other.

The crux of the dispute is that since 1983 Laloush has fathered Biton from political babyhood, and Biton now wants to use everything he's *learned to beat his mentor to a* pulp. Biton calls that a fair fight; Laloush says it's hitting below the belt.

And because this is Dimona, you have to factor in the babas – the guru rabbis most people here obey.

Friday mornings, the men gather round the cafes and talk Dimona politics. The Biton *camp at this table, the Laloush* camp at that table. They read the just-published local weeklies, and debate what's been said about whom. The newspapers give them plenty of fodder.

On one recent Friday, Laloush ran a full page letter in *Mabit* crying out at Biton:

"YOU WERE LIKE A SON.

"With love I raised you. You were a son of my home, we ate together, slept together, traveled together. I took you off a machine at the Dead Sea [Works], I elevated you, I exalted you, I made you my deputy. I gave you power. And you undermined me..."

The lament ends:

"YOU BETRAYED ME, FRIEND."

In the same issue is a clarion headline:

"LALOUSH, APOLOGIZE!"

It is an attack on the mayor for his treatment of Biton. It is not signed by Biton, but by a mysterious organization called "The Dimona Faithful." Faithful to whom? Pretty obvious.

The following week's issue included a 2 1/2 page interview with Biton, a full-page ad of *gratitude to Laloush from rail*way workers, and facing that, another page of thanks that mentions both Biton and Laloush.

As you can imagine, it didn't end there. A couple of weeks later, in the local *Lehiton*, there was a color cover photo of *Biton, a full-page color photo* of Biton on 4, an ad from the Dimona Faithful, a headline proclaiming Biton as Dimona's next mayor, a story about Biton opening his new office, an item on 8 about Laloush refusing to convene the city council. Even on the sports page there's a picture of Biton and a news item revealing that Dimona's Next Mayor attended a Hapoel Dimona soccer game in Holon and "encouraged the team" (nevertheless, they drew 1-1). Only the horoscope failed to extol him.

Biton, a likable young man, speaks graciously about his rival – well, for as long as he can.

"In his first term [1989-1993] Laloush did excellent work. A revolution. In his second term, Gabi started to get tired, and the city began to slide."

He smiles benignly. "I think Gabi is a good fellow – yes. I *know he's angry at me. He's a* good fellow, but everything good that happened, he took credit, everything bad, Albert and I took the blame. OK, that's politics.

"Then I ran against him in the internal Likud elections, and I got 65%, he and Albert together *got 35%. For two months* Gabi didn't say a word to me. I was his deputy! Then someone told me that he called me a liar in a meeting, and all sorts of things. Hey, that's not nice, not dignified. I always gave him respect.

"Then he said he was going to relieve me of all my duties. Well, I held almost all the portfolios in the city. OK, I said, you do that. But he couldn't get *rid of me, I had all the support* at City Hall.

"So instead, he decided to throw me and my pregnant secretary out of our office, out of the building."

Now Biton is fulminating. "He threw me out!

"I still do all my duties, but he won't talk to me. I manage the whole city. He's nothing!

"I think Gabi Laloush knows he won't be mayor again. Ask anyone. Benny Biton will be the first mayor born and raised in Dimona."

Hopping mad now. "There's a large truck driving around town with the words 'Benny the Traitor.' I'm sorry, but that's outrageous.

"*I'm not embarrassed to say* he made me, but we made each other; he raised me from political infancy, but this is what he raised me to be."

"The mayor decided to throw me and my pregnant secretary out of our office, out of the building. I still do all my duties. I manage the whole city. He's nothing!"

— Dimona mayoral challenger Benny Biton

He hammers his desk. "He doesn't understand democracy. He's lost his way, this boy."

Albert Asaf is a free-thinking, liberal intellectual – which in Dimona, he admits, is considered weird. *He's a politician* who says politicians are "bastards ... manipulators." He is unafraid to label his townsmen as "simplistic." He risks condemnation for heresy by the way he rails against their saintly babas ("I don't believe God gave rabbis any special powers."). His office walls are conspicuous for their lack of obligatory photos of the various gurus. For philosophic inspiration, he prefers Kant, Plato, Spinoza. He's a Gabi man, but still talks to Benny.

"Benny has every right to go up against Gabi, but all along Benny promised he'd never challenge him. So one day the mayor wakes up and finds Benny is running against him. He's hurt, personally. It's as if you raise a son and while you're still alive he wants your inheritance now. It doesn't hurt?"

On the other hand, he allows, all's fair in politics. "Good people don't go into politics. So who stays in politics? All the garbage." He says, with surprising candor, that he expects to find himself out in the cold after the elections. Mind you, word *around town is that if Benny* wins, he'll give Albert a job.

SO WHO ya gonna vote for? The question caused an uproar at seedy Independence Cafe.

"They're both fanatics, egotists," brays a glowering young man named David. "They only *care about their own* asses."

"They're both good for the city," says Shlomo, a banqueting-hall manager. "The problem is, people here are friends with both. But I don't like the way they're carrying on in public. Even if it is politics, it should be respectful, dignified."

"*I'll tell you how people will* vote," chips in Haim, 44. "People who go to Gabi for a favor and get it, they'll vote Gabi. If Benny helps them, they'll vote Benny. It's personal. Nothing else matters."

You can't talk about one candidate or the other without debating one baba or the other. Albert Asaf believes the more politically inclined among them will sit on the fence until it is apparent who will win the election, and then hop off onto the winning side. (You may recall that centenarian mystic Rabbi Kadourie was helicoptered into *Dimona near the end of the last* election campaign.)

Gabi and Benny both believe in the babas, and rumors abound over which one each could garner.

The Baba Elazar, the Baba Aza, The Baba Rentgen, the Baba Baruch.

Stirring his coffee, Haviv Biton snorts in disgust at the mix of politics and rabbinics. He leers mockingly. "The only one I believe in is the Baba Barbie."

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Israel Airports Authority

BEN GURION 2000 PROJECT

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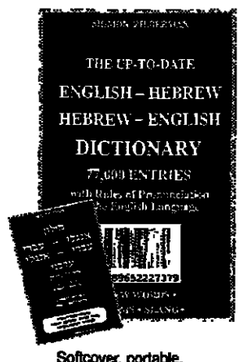
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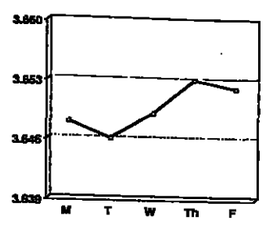
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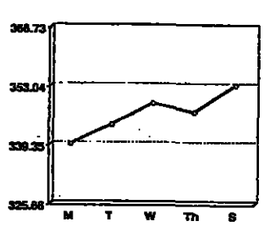
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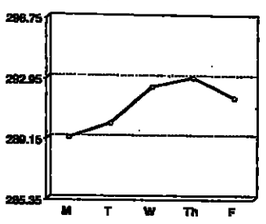
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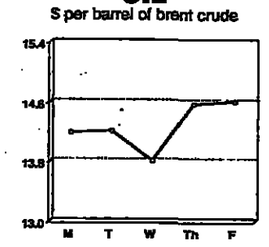
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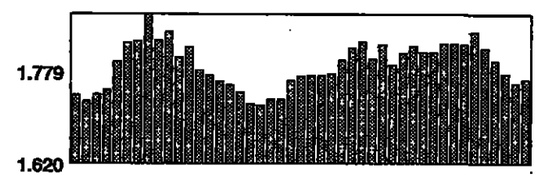
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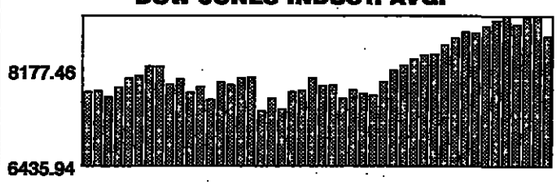


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Tadiran wins $22m. US Navy contract

Tadiran's subsidiary Tadiran Spectralink said on Sunday it had won a $22 million contract to supply air search and rescue systems (ASARS) to the US Navy.

These ASARS, for the use of navy pilots in times of peace, will replace systems in use for the past 20 years. Tadiran's ASARS are significantly cheaper than more sophisticated systems targeted for war-time use, the company said.

Tadiran Spectralink president and chief executive Yitzhak Beni said the contract was an important breakthrough for the company because of the potential for winning similar contracts with other armies and navies.

Tadiran is a subsidiary of Koor Industries *Reuters*

Central bank changes interest calculation

Bank Supervisor Ze'ev Abeles has decided to change the methods for calculating interest payments on foreign currency accounts. In the new system the figures will be based on a 365 day year and not 360. The alteration means customers will pay less interest on foreign currency loans. The change was implemented following a request to reform the system from Sagy Bank Interest Calculation and Economic Consulting.

David Harris

Israelis drove 6% further in 1997

Drivers covered 33.6 billion kilometers last year, a 6 percent increase on the 1996 figure, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday. The number of vehicles on the road rose 5% in the same period. Over the last nine years, the number of kilometers traveled has doubled, while there has been a 72% increase in vehicles on the roads. At the same time, an additional 19% of roads have been constructed.

David Harris

Small factories poll 61% have credit problems

Sixty-one percent of factories with fewer than 100 employees are facing credit problems, according to a survey from the small and medium-sized factories division of the Manufacturers Association. Of the 102 factories questioned, 55% said they faced difficulties in marketing abroad and 36% in the domestic arena.

David Harris

Economist Yoram Gabbai:

Currency reform still ineffective

By DAVID HARRIS

The liberalization of foreign currency regulations will remain ineffective until there are comprehensive reforms of the tax system and capital markets, former state budget director Yoram Gabbai said yesterday.

While refusing to respond to a paper from Gabbai, a Treasury source said that Finance Ministry discussions on a comprehensive reform of the tax system are "at an advanced stage," and will address three key issues:

- Widening the tax base
- Reducing tax rates
- Introducing annual personal tax reports.

"The package will be carefully measured alongside the macroeconomy in order to encourage growth," the Treasury source said.

In his paper, Gabbai, who now heads Peilim Portfolio Management, a member of the Bank Hapoalim Group, writes that "the State of Israel must complete tax reform so that foreign currency liberalization will be effective and not merely formulaic. If this is done, the benefits would be seen in efficiency, prices and financial services to consumers."

As long as these changes are made along with those needed in the capital markets, the liberalization will prove a great success, writes Gabbai. However, if these two elements are not present, "it would be better not to complete the liberalization process."

When Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu made the currency reform announcement in the run-up to Independence Day, the key taxation issue was only briefly referred to, leaving investors uncertain as to how heavily they will be taxed on foreign assets, particularly as they were told they will have to provide full reports on foreign income.

At the end of April, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman told *The Jerusalem Post* that immigrants will not be affected by the prospective tax reform.

"There are no such implications, since all overseas-paid taxes will be credited by the Israeli government," he said.

The liberalization allowed most foreign currency transactions but left two restrictions in place: on the amount institutional investors can move overseas and the ability of foreigners to buy futures here.

Last month Farida Khambata, director of the Treasury operations department at the International Finance Corporation (IFC), urged Israel to abolish these remaining restrictions.

Motorola to cut 15,000 jobs

SCHAUMBURG, Illinois, (Reuters) - Motorola Inc will cut 15,000 jobs during the next year as part of a restructuring that will require the company to take pre-tax charges of nearly $2 billion, Motorola said on Thursday.

Even before the charges, totalling about $1.95b., Motorola said it could show a second-quarter operating loss as a result of deteriorating demand and global pricing pressure.

The problems are principally in the semiconductor products segment and primarily reflect the weak economic conditions in Asia, the semiconductor and telecommunications products company said.

Motorola's semiconductor business, which had been coming out of an industrywide cyclical downturn, has been hit hard by the Asian economic crisis.

"The likelihood of a decrease in global semiconductor shipments has been growing, and Asia in general is an area where Motorola has a substantial portion of its sales," Robert Wilke, analyst at Brown Brothers Harriman said.

Analysts had been expecting some restructuring by Motorola, but many may have been surprised by the magnitude.

The proposed cuts would eliminate about 10 percent of Motorola's 150,000-employee workforce and come on top of other isolated job reductions that have occurred as the company evaluates ways to improve profitability.

That process is being accelerated, because the improved profitability and higher sales that the company forecast late last year have failed to materialize, Motorola said, adding that the goal of the restructuring was to produce more than $750 million in annualized savings.

"It is clearly time to accelerate the implementation of our renewal plan," Robert Growney, Motorola's president and chief operating officer, said in a news release. "We are determined to return our financial results to an acceptable level as soon as possible."

Motorola has already said it wants to exit some parts of the modem business and has left the DRAM semiconductor market.

Motorola also plans to consolidate manufacturing operations throughout the company, with an emphasis on its Semiconductor Products, and Messaging, Information and Media segments, which includes the pager business.

While the semiconductor business was being hit by Asia, Motorola's cellular telephone business has had its own problems.



Pushing for high-tech workers

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu (left) yesterday tells his director-general, Moshe Leon (center), and Education Minister Yitzhak Levy that he will immediately implement the recommendations of a Council for Higher Education report proposing the country double the number of academically qualified high-tech workers over the next six years. (Kevin Unger)

EU mulls farm production cut

By MICHAEL MANN

BRUSSELS (Bloomberg) – The European Commission will propose Wednesday that Europe's grain farmers take 12 percent of their land out of production in 1999, to cut cereal surpluses and boost prices, commission officials said.

An increase in fallow land would reduce grains production in the EU in 1999 by up to 10 million metric tons or 5%, according to EU estimates. That would boost prices, and reduce the amount of money the EU spends buying up surpluses.

"We already have a major build up of stockpiles, and this will get even worse after the 1998 harvest," said James Baugh, an economist for U.K.'s Home Grown Cereals Authority. "It's quite possible that prices will fall near to the guaranteed minimum later this year because of the surpluses."

EU agriculture ministers will decide later this month whether to approve the proposal which would increase the amount of land left unplanted from 5%.

Last month Coceral forecast an EU grain harvest of 201.27 million metric tons in 1998, down 0.3 percent from 201.85 million tons in 1997.

Wheat for July delivery rose one cent to $2.82 a bushel in Chicago on Thursday. The price has fallen gradually since the beginning of the year. On January 2 a bushel was quoted at $3.43.

EU farmers have been required to leave a certain portion of their land fallow every year since 1992, when ministers decided production had to be curbed following the build-up of major grain surpluses – the EU's infamous "grain mountains."

Grain traders said it was too early to comment on the plan, though they are generally in favor of maximizing production.

"In the past, we've always said we'd prefer set-aside to stay at 5%," said Bernd Gruner, deputy secretary-general of Coceral, which represents grain traders throughout Europe.

Commission officials said a majority of the agricultural advisers to the 20 European Commissioners agreed this morning to support EU Agriculture Commissioner Franz Fischler's plan to increase set-aside to 12%.

Italian company to grow wheat in Negev

By JUDY SIEGEL

The world's largest pasta corporation, Barila of Italy, has initiated a joint research project with the Volcani Institute for Agricultural Research in Beit Dagan to grow durham wheat in the Negev.

The project, sponsored by the Peres Institute for Peace, is aimed at growing the hard-grained wheat by irrigating with saline water in the consistently hot climate. This combination has been shown to produce high-quality durham wheat for pasta flour.

Dr. Uri Kushnir, head of Volcani's department for genetic collections and seed research, has started developing high-quality strains of durham wheat suited to cultivation in the Negev and resistant to local plant diseases. Initial success with the project has already aroused interest in Egypt and Jordan, the institute reported.

The project can serve as a basis for regional economic cooperation and for making the Middle East an important source of wheat for the world's pasta industry.

Kushnir says the project could also restore Israel's reputation from ancient times as an exporter of wheat and encourage more land cultivation in the Negev.

Palestinian electronics firm in share offer

By MONA ELTAHAWY

A Palestinian home electronics company that is being set up offered the public 662,500 shares yesterday at a price of one Jordanian dinar per share (NIS 5.18).

The sale, covering almost 30 percent of the company's total shares, is to begin on June 15 and last for a month, Palestine Electronic and Electrical Company (PEEC) said in an announcement in the *Al-Quds* newspaper.

PEEC said its work would cover mainly the production and marketing of home electronic and electrical goods including televisions, radios and air conditioners. It invited applications for a minimum of 200 shares apiece.

The announcement said that PEEC had secured an agreement with South Korea's Samsung Electronics allowing it to manufacture and distribute Samsung household products in Palestinian-controlled areas.

Khalil Abdel-Latif, project manager of the firm, said he expected the sale would be "covered very easily" despite investor apprehension. "There is no doubt that the economic and political situation is not encouraging. But today – the first day the announcement was placed in newspapers – the phone hasn't stopped ringing," he said.

Palestinian brokers and analysts say the impasse in Israeli-Palestinian peace talks and Israeli obstacles to the free flow of goods and labor to areas under the control of the Palestinian Authority are choking the nascent Palestinian economy.

"People are scared from closures and the politics," said Abdel-Latif. "They would rather keep their money in their pockets. If a redeployment agreement was finalized, this offer would be oversubscribed within two days."

One broker said a "liquidity crunch" may keep potential investors away. "People traditionally go for utility stocks. PEEC wants to manufacture new things, which is not a wrong idea, but I'm worried about how much liquidity there is," said Jiries Qassis, managing director of United Securities Company. (Reuters)

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TASE rises led by banks after Mizrahi offering

Israeli stocks rose, led by banks, after the government on Thursday sold a 35 percent stake in United Mizrahi Bank Ltd., the fourth-largest bank, at prices above the minimum set for the offering.

Bank Leumi Le-Israel Ltd., the second largest bank by assets, gained 2.9% to NIS 7.89 , and Bank Hapoalim Ltd., the largest bank, advanced 1.2% to NIS 11.78. That helped the Maof Index of 24 largest companies to gain 1.82% to 353.04.

The government raised about $162 million from the sale of United Mizrahi shares, which went for 26% more than the minimum price and beat analysts' expectations. A package of options on the shares sold at the same time also fetched almost double the base price, according to preliminary estimates. The sale was 4.5 times oversubscribed.

The high price for the shares "strengthens the belief of financial institutions that the prices of Israeli banks are really cheap compared to international peers," said Eli Nahum, head trader at Zannex Securities Ltd. of Ramat Gan.



Israel Discount Bank Ltd., the third-largest bank gained 4.1% to NIS 4.87. The government said last week it wants to sell a controlling stake in the bank by the end of the year through a private tender.

First International Bank of Israel Ltd. added 1.7% to 2,860.

The Mizrahi Bank offering "shows that the share value we're willing to give banks is more than their capital value," said Avi Meir, an investment manager at Israel General Bank. Traders are now "running after other bank shares," he said.

The Tel Aviv-100 Index of largest companies advanced 1.66% to 336.48.

Some NIS 308.8 million ($84.6 million) shares were traded today, 18% more than the May daily average.

About than three issues gained for every two that dropped.

The market also gained momentum today from rises over the weekend among US stocks, which boosts Israeli shares traded both in Tel Aviv and New York, analysts said.

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., the country's largest drug-maker, rose 4.6% to 159.6 after its American depositary receipts gained 4% over Thursday and Friday, the trading sessions held during Israel's weekend.

Many issues on the Tel Aviv exchange either have dual listings in the US or own stakes in Israeli companies traded there.

Koor Industries Ltd., Israel's largest holding company, gained 2.8% to NIS 478 after its ADRs added 2.7% over the weekend. Koor said it raised its stake in ECI Telecommunications Ltd. to 16.8% by purchasing a 3.2% holding on Nasdaq for $83.7 million.

(Bloomberg)

Banks: China may devalue the yuan

By TOM GILES

China's currency may be devalued in coming months to help its exports compete with trade rivals whose currencies have tumbled recently, said the heads of foreign exchange at some of the world's largest banks.

Concern that China may devalue the yuan has deepened in recent weeks as currencies across Asia tumbled, dragged down by news that economies in Indonesia, Hong Kong and Malaysia shrank in the first quarter of 1998.

Falling currencies make Asian exports cheaper. Since those countries compete with China in the trade arena, the further their currencies drop, the greater the pressure on China to devalue its currency.

"There's serious concern" that China may devalue the yuan, said Andrew Siciliano, global head of interest rates, foreign exchange and precious metals at SBC Warburg Dillon Read.

"And it's well justified," he said in a forum with Bloomberg News at a foreign exchange conference this weekend.

There will be significant default on corporate loans in the Asia-Pacific region, affecting banks, which will in turn affect government guarantees on banks because they simply cannot afford to let depositors walk away with no money, Siciliano said.

"The only mechanism (China) has to create income is to devalue and export. It's a death spiral," he said.

China keeps its currency pegged to the dollar at about 8.28 yuan per dollar. China may wait until after Congress renews China's most-favored-nation trading status before changing the value of its currency, Siciliano said.

On June 3, US President Bill Clinton asked Congress to permit renewal of that China's MFN status, which allows products coming into the United States from China to carry the same tariffs as those imposed on goods from most other nations.

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.770	4.800	5.090
Pound sterling (£100,000)	5.550	5.540	5.620
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.180	2.280	2.700
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.060	0.190	0.560
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (5.6.98)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.8677	3.9301	—	—	3.9053
U.S. dollar	3.6158	3.6742	3.55	3.73	3.6510
German mark	2.0425	2.0755	2.00	2.11	2.0622
Pound sterling	5.9253	6.0209	5.82	6.11	5.9827
French franc	0.6092	0.6191	0.59	0.63	0.6150
Japanese yen (100)	2.5943	2.6362	2.54	2.68	2.6202
Dutch florin	1.8122	1.8415	1.78	1.87	1.8292
Swiss franc	2.4551	2.4947	2.41	2.53	2.4795
Swedish krona	0.4656	0.4732	0.45	0.48	0.4701
Norwegian krone	0.4859	0.4938	0.47	0.51	0.4906
Danish krone	0.5363	0.5450	0.52	0.56	0.5415
Finnish mark	0.6721	0.6830	0.66	0.70	0.6785
Canadian dollar	2.4835	2.5236	2.44	2.56	2.5078
Australian dollar	2.1921	2.2275	2.15	2.26	2.2101
S. African rand	0.7057	0.7171	0.64	0.72	0.7126
Belgian franc (10)	0.9901	1.0061	0.97	1.03	0.9997
Austrian schilling (10)	2.9033	2.9502	2.85	3.00	2.9319
Italian lira (1000)	2.0741	2.1076	2.03	2.14	2.0940
Jordanian dinar	5.0858	5.1877	5.02	5.36	5.1844
Egyptian pound	1.0200	1.1100	1.02	1.11	1.1227
ECU	4.0253	4.0906	—	—	4.0641
Irish punt	5.1525	5.2357	5.06	5.31	5.2027
Spanish peseta (100)	2.4058	2.4447	2.36	2.48	2.4291

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

EMERGENCY
PHARMACIES
Monday, June 8

Jerusalem: Kupat Holim Clalit, Straus A, 3 Avigdori, 670-6660; Salah e-Din, 627-2315; Shuafat, Shuafat Road, 581-0108; Dar Aldawa, Herod's Gate, 628-2058.

Tel Aviv: Superpharm Gimmel, 1 Achimeir, Ramat Aviv Gimmel, 641-7117; Superpharm Ministore, 4 King Saul Blvd, 696-0106. Till 1 a.m. Tuesday: Jabotinsky, 125 Ibn Gvirol, 546-2040. Till midnight: Superpharm Ramat Aviv, 40 Einstein, 641-3730; Superpharm London Ministore, 4 Shaul Hamelech, 696-0115.

Ra'anana-Kfar Sava: Ra'anana Center, 120 Ahuza, Ra'anana, 760-3798.

Netanya: Porat, 76 Pat, 834-0967.

Haifa: Hanasi, 33 Hanasi, 833-3312.

Krayot area: Kupat Holim Clalit Zevulun, 192 Derech Akko, Kiryat Bialik, 878-7818.

Herzliya: New Pharm, Beit Merkazim, 8 Maskit (cnr. Sderot Hagalim), Herzliya Pituah, 955-8472, 955-8407. Open 9 a.m. to midnight.

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DUTY HOSPITALS

Jerusalem: Hadassah Ein Kerem (internal, surgery, orthopedics, ENT); Misgav Ladach (obstetrics); Bikur Holim (pediatrics); Shaare Zedek (ophthalmology).

Tel Aviv: Tel Aviv Medical Center Dana Pediatric Hospital (pediatrics); Tel Aviv Medical Center (internal, surgery).

Netanya: Laniado.

POLICE 100
FIRE 102
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In emergencies dial 101 in most parts of the country. In addition:

Ashdod* 8551333	Kfar Sava* 9902222
Ashkelon 6551332	Nahariya* 9912333
Beersheba* 6274767	Netanya* 8604444
Bet Shemesh 6523133	Petah Tikva* 9911111
Dan Region* 5793333	Rehovot* 9451333
Eilat* 6332444	Rishon* 9642333
Haifa* 8512233	Safed 6920333
Jerusalem* 6523133	Tel Aviv* 5460111
Karmiel* 9985444	Tiberias* 6792444

Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) service in the area, around the clock.

Help line for English-speakers – Confidential hot-line counseling and referrals for all ages, all problems. MiLev Center for Crisis Counseling. (02) 654-1111, 1-800-654-111.

Medical help for tourists (in English) 177-022-9110.

The National Poison Control Center at Rambam Hospital 04-852-9205, 24 hours a day, for information in case of poisoning.

Eran – Emotional First Aid – 1201, also Jerusalem 02-561-0303 (Arabic: 563-0301); Tel Aviv 03-546-1111 (children/youth 546-0739); Rishon Lezion 03-956-6661/2; Haifa 04-867-2222 (Arabic: 867-2226); Beersheba 07-649-4333; Netanya 09-862-5110; Karmiel 04-988-8770 (Arabic: 958-3444); Kfar Sava 09-767-4555; Hadera 06-634-6789; Nazareth (Arabic: 06-645-4222).

Crisis Center for Religious Women 02-655-5744/5. 24-hour service, confidentiality guaranteed.

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TEL AVIV 100 LEADING SHARES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Africa Hotels	460	3.9
Africa Israel 0.1	23600	-0.4
Africa Israel 1	715000	-0.2
Agis	2620	3.8
Al Paper Mills	15250	2.5
Al-Tex	2840	4.6
Azorim	3390	2.9
Azorim Prop.	669	0.6
Bank Leumi 0.1	789	2.8
Besan	2950	3.4
Bayside 1	45100	0
Bayside 5	223500	0
Bezeq	1175	-1.4
Blue Square	4560	0
Bromine	3000	-2.7
Clal Electronics	57100	2.1
Clal Industries	2020	1.8
Clal Insurance	4300	1.4
Clal Israel 1	106.5	0.4
Dan Hotels	1120	3.6
Danimer	2240	3.6
Darban	840	-1.2
Dead Sea Works 0.1	973	2.1
Delek 0.1	17610	1.8
Delek Car	701	0.4
Development Mort	76400	1.5
Discount Bank	487	3.9
Discount Inv.	11840	3
Elbit 0.003	1043	-1.2
Elbit emerging	3000	0.7
Elbit system	5170	1.9
Elco	1985	-0.8
Elco Industries	3600	4.4
Electra	17200	0.6
Electra App	1880	1.1
Elite Ind. 1	2500	-1.6
Elite Ind. 5	12240	3.2
Elron 0.003	6310	2.1
FIBI 5	72300	0.4
First Int'l 1	57500	0.9
First Int'l 5	286300	1.8
First Int'l Mort	54000	3.7
Formula	15480	-0.8
General Bank	11000	0.5
Granit Hacarmel	710	0.4
Hadarim Prop.	7640	-0.1
Ham-Let	2160	-0.5
Hapoalim 0.1	1176	1.2
Harel Mishmar 1	4400	4.3
Harel Mishmar 5	20400	-0.5
I.D.B. Dev.	9800	3.5
I.D.B. Holdings	9630	3.3
IDC	2640	2.7
Ind Bldgs	639	4.1
Israel Chemicals	499	0.4
Israel Corp. 1	78000	0.4
Isrotel	669	1.3
Jabra	822	0.2
JCT	38	2.6
JEC	1980	-0.4
Kitan	367	3.3
Knafaim	4640	3
Koor	48000	3.1
Leader	1568	2.5
Leumi Insurance	253	2.4
Leumi Mortgage	89000	0
Lidar	4770	-0.6
Makhteshim Agan Ind.	1311	1.7
Mamran	700	7.7
Matab	3750	5.3
Menachim	15900	2.5
Mei Eden	1575	0
Melisaron	1134	3
Menorah Ins. I	2000	0
Milomor	1609	0
Mishkan	72500	0.7
Muzrahi Inv.	10970	2.6
NATSVA REGULAR	1520	-3.3
Nice Systems	12750	0.8
Ocil	7850	-0.1
Orbit	1750	-1.7
Ormat Industries	530	1.1
Osem Industries	1876	2.7
Petrochemicals	2000	-0.5
Phoenix Ins. I	6000	0.7
Poalim Inv.	14030	0.7
Prop & Bldg	33000	1.5
Saf Industries	2010	0.5
Soleil Bone	4720	0.4
Supersol	1298	1.9
Tadiran	12960	-5.9
Tambour	575	0
Telsbot	221100	3.2
Tempo	1450	-2
Teva	15960	4.4
Urdan	293	1
Wire and Cables	1445	5.4
Ytong Industries	930	1.6

KARAM SMALL CAPITALIZATION TASE ISSUES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Boulous GD	335	0
Solomon Holdings	448	0
Alplez	2.1	0
Alsuti	45.2	5.1
Ace-Spade	91.8	-11.1
Ackerstein Bond B	162.5	0
Ackerstein Ind.	499	1.8
Ackerstein Zvi 1	1488	0
Ackerstein Zvi 5	6745	0.3
adalom	26.5	0
Adanim	400460	0
Adler	125	0
Adsha	124	0
Adumim	200	0
Africa Hotels Bond B	88	1.7
Africa Hotels Warrant 2	60	11.7
Africa Israel Hotels Bond A	129.8	0.5
Alsek Ind	669	-5.2
Agis Warrant 3	37	-8.1
Agis Warrant 4	544	14.1
Agish Int'l	346	0
Agri Investments	320	1.5
Al-Ben	141	10.2
Al-Ben Bond A	107	0
Alhe c2	96	-1.5
Alhe w6	139	5.8
Alliance	550	0
Alonit	350	0
Alony-Hetz	503	-1.2
Alony-Hetz Bond A	235	0
Alrod	206	0
Alrod Warrant 1	7	0
Alrov Bond D	77.5	0.6
Alrov Warramt 5	400	2.8
Alumar	182.5	0
Alumit	3651	-7.2
Amagar	185	-4.9
Amilec	269	-2.5
Ammell Warrant 1	15.2	-5.3
Amnat	642	0
Ampa Investments	113335	0
Analyst EMS	1070	1.6
Angel Trade	36.3	0
Angel Trade Bond A	153	0
Angel Trade Bond B	105.5	0
Angel Trade Bond C	62.5	-1.6
Angel Trade Warrant 2	0	0
Apcon	1120	3.6
Apcon warrant 1	359	8.1
Applicom	3620	-1.7
Aracell Warrant 2	509	0
Arad	2100	0
Arad Towels	931	0
Arazim	74	0
Arazim Bond 1	235	0
Argaman	258	-0.4
Arieden	1090	9
Arpal	425	0
Aryt	161	0
Ashkelon Plywood	861	3.3
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 1	238	0.8
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 2	120	0
Ashtad	386	0
Ashtad Bond A	148.5	-0.3
Ashot	340	0
Ashot Bond A	169	0
Ashpara	99.5	-2.5
Ashtrom Bond 1	170	0
Ashtrom Bond 2	153	0.3
Ashtrom Ind.	544	0
Ashtrom Prop.	226	0.4
Ashtrom P Bond 1	88.5	0
Ashtrom p warrant a	30	131
Ashtrum Bond C	94	0
Ashtrum Warrant 2	33.3	9
Atlion	80	0
Atmor	2540	4.7
ATA	188.5	5.3
ATA Bond A	148.5	0.3
Atzmon	237	0
Aura	4900	-4.1
Avarot	355	1.7
Avarot Bond A	156	0
Averbuch Formica	699	-0.6
Aviv	424	2.4
Aviv Bond 1	147.5	0
Aviv Bond 2	86.5	0
Avner	1.9	0
Avnot Bond 2	86.5	0
Avnot Warrant 2	56	0
Avalon	527	-0.9
Avnouth	456	0
Azrurim Properties Bond 3	169.4	-0.3
Azrurim Warrant 13	701	4.6
Azrurim Warrant 5	102	2
Azrurim Warrant A	840	4.8
Azrurim Warrant B	850	10.4
Badash Bond 1	44.8	-1.1
Baiel	372	3.9
Balantine 1	194.5	9.9
Balantine Bond A	125.5	-1.2
Balantine Warrant 2	5.5	10
Barom	2900	-0.7
Bama'asal	104	-2.8
Bama'asal Bond A	137	0.4
Bar	337	1.5
Bar Bond A	108.5	0.5
Barad	267	0
Baranowitz	850	6
Barkan	818	0
Barzel	113	-2.2
Bartal	202	9.8
Baumel Moshe	163.5	0
BaySide Bond 2	98	0.6
BaySide Warrant D	2530	-1.7
Bet Shemesh	1690	0.6
Betmon	304	3.1
Ben Yakar Bond A	162.5	-0.3
Ben Yakar Bond B	69.5	-0.7
Ben Yakar Gal	3744	-0.2
Ben Yakar Warrant 2	0	0
Benmax	201	0
Bezeq Bond 3	123.9	0.1
Bezeq Bond 4	2360	-0.4
Bezeq Warrant 3	573	-1
Bezeq Warrant Bond 3	335	-1.8
Bilu	1697	0
Bilu Bond A	169.5	0
Binur	522	-10
Bin	278	-0.4
Bytes Bond B	74	0.7
bytes gad warrant 1	42.7	0
Bonen Tichon	651	0
Bonjour	500	0
Boulous Brothers	160	-3.1
Boulous Brothers Bond 1	240	0
Boulous GD Bond A	124	0.8
Brand	86.5	0
Brill	69	2.2
Brok Side	24.4	9.9
Brosh	110	0
Building Bank	1695	6.5
Building Resou.	3615	2
C Holdings	550	-9.3
C Holdings Bond 5	50	0
C Holdings Warrant 3	8	0
Caesarea 1	5206	0
Camel	3640	1.4
Capital	899	0
Capital Bond A	114.7	-0.1
Capnce	313	0
Cargal	1069	0
Carmel	531	-2.6
Carmel	590	-0.7
Castro	550	0
Cataland 1	345	0
CDI	222	3.7
Cementeel Bond A	71.5	0
Cemenical	460	-3.3
Centre	174	-3.1
Centre Bond 1	120	-0.4
Cham	579	-0.2
Chayun Computers	177	-0.3
Chemgal	465	0.4
Chem-Mir	535	0
CI Systems	202	-4.3
Cidab	172	0
Clal Computers	11490	-2.7
Clal Industries Bond	0	0
Clal Israel 5	503	0.4
Clal Retail	74000	-4.5
Cohen Ben	159	-0.8
Cohen Dev.	249	0
Cohen MM	195	4.6
Cold Storage 1	1535	0
Cold Storage 5	7220	-0.4
Cold Storage and Supply Bond 1	249	0
Compi	225	-0.4
Compi Warrant 1	16	-56.2
Computek	173.5	-1.1
Comtech	354	2
Contrans	829	0
Cordial	1003	0
Contractors	16812	0
Coral Beach	808	-4.9
Credit Line	4.2	0
Credit Lines Bond A	36.4	0
Cyclone 1	2256	0.3
Cyclone Bond 1	244	0.4
Cyclone Bond 2	148	0.7
Dakron	1519	0
Datron Bond 1	246	0
Dalin	1.8	-22.2
Dan Rent-A-Car	749	-0.1
Dan Rent-A-Car Bond A	159	0
Danbar 1	5000	0
Danbar 5	21200	9
Danbar Bond A	263	0
Danbar Resources	7100	0.7
Danbar Resources Bond B	154.8	0
Danbar Tech.	6400	0
Danbar Technologies Bond A	149	0
Danel	56	0
Danel Bond A	85	0
Danel Personnel	2350	0
Danel Warrant 2	550	0
Dankner Bond 1	210	0.5
Dankner Bond 2	133.1	0
Dankner Bond 3	91.5	0
Dankner Warrant C	450	0
Darsly	626	0
Dasad	110.5	0
DARBAN BOND 2	93.3	0
Darban Bond A	217	0.5
DARBAN W2	159.9	-0.1
Darban Warrant 3	150	3.1
Darea	137.5	-2.1
Darlon	170	0
Dash investment	1000	-5
Data	648	7.3
Decision Systems	452	5.5
Degem Systems	565	-2.7
Delek Drillings	7.2	0
Delek Oil	1332	0
Delta 1	3580	2.8
Delta 3	10710	-0.4
Desbry	1390	0
Digel	115.5	0
Dinamit	1500	0
Dolev	392	-1
Dolev Bond A	134.5	0
Dolev warrant 1	52	0
Domcar	442	0
Domcar Bond	151	0
Dor Berger	443	-5.6
Dor Chem	383	0
Dorc w1	105	0
Dorsa	57	0
Dorl c1	95.1	0
Dori Engineering	470	0
Dori Engineering Bond A	137.5	0.4
Dovrat Bond A	135.5	-0.6
Dovrat Shrem	1769	4.1
Dovrat Shrem Warrant 3	51	5.2
DSL	1474	-2.8
Dubek M	1.8	0
Dubek S	1.8	0
Dunitz	313	0
DYG Industries	439	0.5
E & M Computing	1279	-0.5
Edgar Alliant	99	0
Edgar Industries	200	1
Edgu Inv. Bond C	86	0
Edgar Inv. Warrant 5	27.8	-0.4
Efrat Bond A	98	0
Eini	188	4.4
Eitam	299	0
El Bad	1970	0
El Chai	732	0
El Chai Bond 1	152	0.7
Elad	597	0
Elad Bond A	168.5	0
Elad Bond B	135	0.4
Elad c3	85.5	0
Elad w5	51	0
Elbit Computers Bond B	122.1	0
Elbit Computers Warrant 2	925	0
Elden Tech.	161.3	0
Electronics Line	453	2.5
Elgar	5026	0
Elishav	403	0
Elitech Ind.	870	0
Elkam	311	1.9
Ella	437	0
Ellz Bond A	137	-0.4
Elron	3830	0.8
Elron Warrant 2	2535	3.5
Emek	130	-6.8
Emyie	800	4.4
Engel Const.	730	-5.5
ESE	2450	2
Eshed Robotech	212	0
Even	383	-0.3
Evergreen	3440	0
Evrois Warrant 1	1600	-1.5
Excellence	1986	0
Export Inv.	839	-0.1
Extra	124	0
Feldman	184.5	-11.1
Feldman Bond A	150	0
Feldman Ind.	293	-6.1
Feldman Warrant 3	16	0
Fertilisers 1	126	0
Feuchtwanger 1	11800	2.5
Feuchtwanger 5	55200	2
Fidelity	2616	0.5
Five J Jewelers	377	6.9
Five J Jewelers Bond 2	126	0
Formica Source	191	0
Frutarom	370	0.8
Gahelet	19130	2.9
Galcom	241	-1.6
Galram	1205	0
Gamat	198	9.4
Gamatronic	535	-3.1
Gamboll	1533	0.3
Gan Shmuel Bond A	133.8	-1.2
Gan Shmuel Warrant 3	757	4.9
Gan Shmuel	1796	2.8
Ganel Hadar	372	0
Gap Development	108.4	-0.6
Gap Holdings	223	4.2
Gap Warrant 2	10	0
Garik	637	-1.7
Gazit Bond B	148	0
Gazit Bond C	118.5	0
Gibor Bond 1	66	0
Gibor Bond A	81.5	0.6
Gibor Sabrina	62	0
Gibor Sport	760	0
Gibor Warrant 2	116.9	6.2
Gilboa	90.5	-0.5
Gilla	1395	0
Gilsik	1726	0
Givot Olam Oil	98	0
Glob Pet	725	-1.1
Golan	801	0
Gold	423	0
Golden House	361	0
Golden House Bond 1	247	0
Gotex	165.5	10
Granit Bond	128	0
Granit Bond 2	147.2	0
Green Software	715	9.1
Greenberg	1500	2.3
H. Electronics	67.5	0
H. Mor	1010	-2.9
Habas	2667	0
Habas Bond 1	128	-0.4
Hadar 1	24889	2.5
Hadar 5	72388	6
Hadar Ins. I	934	0
Hadar Ins. 5	3850	-0.5
Hadarim Bond1	113	0.2
Hadarim Warrant I	1665	2.7
Hagal	452	-2.6
Hagal Bond B	146	0
Hamlakor	383	0
Hanal	5.9	5.1
Harel Bond A	548	15.7
Harim Esh	682	1
Hasson	191	0
Hatehol 1	250	-1.5
Hatehol Bond A	136	0
Hayal	1595	17.7
Hayal Bond1	290	0
Hayal Bond2	200	0
Hayal Warrant 1	88.8	9.2
Hed Arzi Music	412	0.5
Hiron 1	10340	0
Hiron 5	34700	8.9
Ht. Service Bond 2	180.5	0
Ht. Service Bond 3	142	0
Ht. Services	1820	0
Hod	140.5	-1.4
Hof	604	0
Holit	140.5	0.4
Home Center	7400	0.7
Hydrotex	138.5	0
IES Industries	894	0
IES Warrant 1	123.5	0
Ilan Gal	124.5	0.8
Ilan Gal Bond A	141.5	0
ILDC Bond 6	263	1.1
ILDC Hotels	400	1.3
ILDC Hotels Bond 1	164.5	0
ILDC Hotels Warrant 2	89	1.1
ILDC Insurance	438	0
ILDC Insurance Bond A	129.5	0
Imco	1133	1
Ind Bld Warrant 3	60.5	4
Ind Bldgs Rt	30.2	8.9
Ind.Dev.Bank C	292	1
Ind.Dev.Bank CC	2820	0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC 1	2810	0
Ind.Dev.Bank Pref	1800	1.7
Independence Mort	97800	-0.2
Intercosma	778	5.3
Intergamma 1	3600	0
Intergamma 5	12980	-3.9
Ispal	2010	-3
Ispro	4030	-0.7
Isracolor	515	0
Israel Corp. 5	117900	0
Israel Logistegic Bond 3	134	-0.7
Israel Wire & Cables Bond C	177	0
Isralom	1194	0
Isralom Bond B	259	0
Isralom Bond C	86	0
Isramco	3	-3.3
Isras 1	7200	0
Isras 5	30700	0
Isras Bond A	0	0
ISTA LINES	2150	0
Italy	2350	0
Itay Bond 1	65.1	1.4
Itay Warrant 1	474	0
Itay Warrant 2	10	50
Jafora Bond A	180	0
Jaysour	160	0
Jaysour Bond A	100	-1
JEC Bond B	92.2	0.2
Jerusalem Mort	229	0
Jerusalem Mortgage Bond 16	163	0
Jeunesse	30.2	0
JOEL	109	0.9
JOEL Bond 1A	225	0
JOEL Bond 2	120.5	0.4
JOEL Bond A	230	0
JOEL Warrant 3	1.5	6.7
Kadimara	168.5	2.1
Kadoim	353	2.3
kalnce bond b	81.5	0
kalnce warrant 1	79.5	0
Kalrit	1460	0
Kalkalit Bond A	95.3	0.3
Kalkalit warrant 2	356	-3.1
Kamour	560	0
Kamour Bond G	129.1	0

Major League Statistics (Through Thursday's games)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TEAM PITCHING

	ERA	H	ER	BB	SO	Sh	Sv
Cleveland	4.08	533	238	198	375	2	14
New York	4.14	466	225	168	352	4	18
Minnesota	4.18	551	241	144	315	2	11
Boston	4.35	494	247	174	372	4	21
Toronto	4.48	513	265	236	436	3	15
Anaheim	4.51	536	255	232	382	1	17
Tampa Bay	4.57	521	262	241	364	4	11
Oakland	4.84	545	273	201	297	1	12
Texas	4.91	572	283	181	339	4	17
Baltimore	5.18	563	299	204	402	5	14
Seattle	5.39	575	311	216	416	2	9
Kansas City	5.45	578	306	217	359	2	11
Detroit	5.58	539	296	190	318	1	9
Chicago	5.61	566	316	241	318	1	8

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING
Based on 6 decisions

	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
Irabu NYY	62	38	29	49	5	1	1.45
CFinley Ana	93	76	38	96	6	2	2.22
Mussina Bal	50	38	9	48	4	2	2.52
PMartinez Bos	85	70	23	102	6	1	2.63
Radke Min	83	78	18	51	7	4	2.90
WWilliams Tor	78	61	27	63	7	2	2.97
Taylor Oak	28	25	9	18	1	5	3.14
Colon Cle	84	72	31	72	4	4	3.20
Clemens Tor	78	53	38	79	6	6	3.22
Arrojo TB	75	72	16	63	8	3	3.24
Moyer Sea	89	93	16	62	3	5	3.51
Burba Cle	79	73	29	56	7	4	3.73
Fassero Sea	62	62	18	46	5	2	3.73
Rogers Oak	81	79	30	37	6	2	3.76
Sele Tex	81	81	25	65	8	3	3.76
JrWright Cle	73	73	31	59	4	3	4.03
Key Bal	62	63	13	42	4	3	4.06
DWells NYY	82	70	17	69	8	1	4.25
Sirotka ChW	83	90	13	50	6	5	4.32
Belcher KC	76	87	25	49	4	6	4.36
Haynes Oak	74	75	33	49	4	2	4.38
Moehler Det	76	79	18	46	5	5	4.38
Alvarez TB	55	55	19	44	4	5	4.39
Saunders TB	71	81	43	68	1	6	4.44
Tewksbury Min	64	65	8	29	3	7	4.48
Wakefield Bos	82	79	23	50	6	2	4.57
Hentgen Tor	72	71	25	48	7	4	4.58
KHill Ana	75	87	36	44	8	4	4.64
Rapp KC	75	76	39	53	4	5	4.64
JThompson Det	85	85	27	55	3	6	4.66
Helling Tex	79	84	27	52	7	3	4.76
Pettitte NYY	75	91	38	55	6	5	4.88
Hawkins Min	72	73	24	34	3	5	4.98
Erickson Bal	87	107	25	68	5	6	5.05
Candiotti Oak	78	96	26	35	4	6	5.15
TJMathews Oak	22	23	13	17	3	4	5.16
Saberhagen Bos	55	60	16	34	7	3	5.17
CCastillo ChW	41	38	18	31	2	4	5.48
DSprieger TB	68	74	33	25	2	9	5.43
Swift Sea	54	62	20	24	4	3	5.50
Milton Min	61	80	22	29	3	5	5.55
Bjolxson Sea	79	79	35	105	5	4	5.58
Pickardo KC	40	48	21	18	2	4	5.58
Cone NYY	58	63	17	51	7	1	5.59
Navarro ChW	75	95	31	31	5	6	5.62
Clonde Sea	62	73	36	43	3	4	5.63
Nagy Cle	75	101	28	41	7	2	5.71
Bere ChW	61	73	45	38	2	5	5.72
Busch KC	72	88	28	44	3	8	5.75
Guzman Tor	73	67	41	66	3	6	5.77
Drabek Bal	66	74	11	34	5	5	5.86
Worrell Det	53	62	18	36	2	6	6.41
DOliver Tex	57	77	26	26	3	5	6.55
Dickson Ana	42	51	17	19	4	4	6.64
Burkett Tex	72	86	21	51	3	5	7.00
Witt Tex	59	82	29	29	5	3	7.39
Watson Ana	50	76	19	35	3	5	7.69
Haney KC	46	66	18	26	3	4	7.83

TEAM BATTING

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
New York	1904	351	568	60	325	.298
Texas	2052	368	611	71	352	.297
Boston	1987	290	556	72	272	.279
Seattle	2055	329	567	98	314	.275
Cleveland	2025	328	553	67	314	.273
Oakland	1981	301	539	53	287	.272
Detroit	1881	265	507	57	256	.269
Anaheim	1954	271	526	70	255	.269
Chicago	1963	299	527	65	277	.268
Baltimore	2018	294	539	73	282	.267
Minnesota	2003	284	532	44	270	.265
Tampa Bay	1969	225	519	45	205	.263
Kansas City	1960	250	513	48	237	.261
Toronto	1992	264	495	67	253	.248

INDIVIDUAL BATTING
Based on 140 plate appearances

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
IRodriguez Tex	211	43	80	10	35	.379
HMorris KC	160	20	57	1	16	.356
TWalker Min	166	31	59	4	22	.355
BWilliams NYY	208	41	72	7	38	.346
Segui Sea	212	36	73	10	41	.344
Brosius NYY	184	32	61	3	35	.332
DJeter NYY	231	53	76	8	34	.329
O'Neill NYY	228	36	71	6	46	.323
Higginson Det	208	38	67	9	30	.322
CDelgado Tor	149	21	48	7	30	.322
Edmonds Ana	202	37	65	11	36	.322
Thome Cle	211	44	67	14	47	.318
TGoodwin Tex	214	44	68	1	11	.318
Easley Det	202	37	64	17	49	.317
McCracken TB	234	29	74	4	24	.316
MVaughn Bos	234	33	74	15	41	.316
Stairs Oak	168	31	53	10	41	.315
RAlomar Bal	222	40	69	6	24	.311
McLemore Tex	193	38	59	3	35	.306
TMartinez NYY	174	30	53	7	40	.305
Grieve Oak	227	46	69	8	36	.304
Erstad Ana	240	37	73	13	40	.304
Justice Cle	217	41	66	11	42	.304
EMartinez Sea	214	31	65	11	39	.304
DLewis Bos	190	24	57	3	20	.300
Baines Bal	140	16	42	4	26	.300
Offerman KC	211	37	63	2	26	.299
Vizquel Cle	214	32	64	0	23	.299
Durham ChW	225	46	67	6	24	.298
Raines NYY	124	22	37	3	20	.298
GHill Sea	182	29	54	9	23	.297
Damon KC	233	37	69	4	17	.296
JuGonzalez Tex	243	43	72	18	73	.296
Caruso ChW	156	25	46	2	19	.295
DScarsone Ana	183	28	54	2	20	.295
Griffey Jr Sea	234	52	69	22	54	.295
ARodriguez Sea	250	47	73	21	44	.292
Surhoff Bal	212	22	62	9	42	.292
Spiezio Oak	201	32	58	7	31	.289
Garciaparra Bos	180	24	52	7	35	.289
MRamirez Cle	202	32	58	10	38	.287
Curtis NYY	157	33	45	6	28	.287
Ventura ChW	210	32	60	6	29	.286
WClark Tex	199	36	57	8	32	.286
Steinbach Min	137	18	39	3	11	.285
EDavis Bal	130	26	37	9	20	.285
PMeares Min	201	28	57	5	30	.284
Molitor Min	222	31	63	1	31	.284
MPalmeiro Bal	226	37	64	14	44	.283
Greer Tex	225	41	63	5	40	.280
LGonzalez Det	189	30	53	5	23	.280
OLeary Bos	219	35	61	13	28	.279
Belle ChW	214	34	59	13	44	.276
Knoblauch NYY	211	44	58	4	22	.275
Blowers Oak	131	19	36	4	31	.275
Lofton Cle	223	43	61	4	30	.274
FLtalis Tex	165	22	45	1	18	.273
GAnderson Ana	213	23	58	5	23	.272
BLHunter Det	206	22	56	3	17	.272
FThomas ChW	213	36	58	9	40	.272
Salmon Ana	129	23	35	12	27	.271
ToClark Det	196	31	53	9	38	.270
Bragg Bos	137	20	37	4	23	.270
DaMartinez TB	189	23	51	2	12	.270
Palmer KC	201	32	54	13	39	.269
McGriff TB	212	23	57	7	34	.269
TFernandez Tor	160	21	43	3	21	.269
RConner Min	209	24	56	9	32	.268
SAlomar Cle	164	26	44	3	19	.268
Clipken Bal	220	27	59	5	27	.268
Cora Sea	232	40	62	2	10	.267
Cairo TB	169	21	45	3	21	.266
Giambi Oak	203	27	54	5	32	.266
MCordova Min	132	20	35	3	24	.265
Cordero ChW	133	25	35	7	21	.263
Bordick Bal	156	20	41	5	15	.263
RDavis Sea	191	26	50	10	39	.262
SGreen Tor	210	31	55	11	31	.262
Hammonds Bal	141	29	37	5	23	.262
Carter Bal	161	21	42	4	15	.261
JLing KC	205	32	53	11	42	.259
Stevens Tex	175	28	45	12	34	.257
Fletcher Tor	136	14	35	3	20	.257
Stewart Tor	164	23	42	2	11	.256
Fryman Cle	211	28	54	8	32	.256
Henderson Oak	216	35	55	6	25	.255
Elster Tex	171	27	43	6	28	.251
MOrdonez ChW	184	26	46	6	21	.250
JaValentin Bos	205	39	51	6	21	.249
Randa Det	204	24	51	2	23	.248
Sorrento TB	186	15	46	6	22	.247
Fielder Ana	205	22	50	8	32	.244
Hinch Oak	136	14	33	4	13	.243
Giles Cle	144	29	35	10	35	.243
DWilson Sea	166	18	39	3	23	.235
Stanley Tor	192	25	45	11	23	.234
Sprague Tor	194	26	45	5	21	.232
AGonzalez Tor	221	27	51	3	22	.231
DrHollins Ana	199	27	46	6	17	.231
Canseco Tor	214	36	49	17	36	.229
Lawton Min	199	34	45	5	26	.226
Stocker TB	168	21	38	5	15	.226
JoCruz Tor	139	16	29	3	13	.209
Cameron ChW	156	23	32	2	18	.205
ByAnderson Bal	147	25	28	7	19	.190

NATIONAL LEAGUE

TEAM PITCHING

	ERA	H	ER	BB	SO	Sh	Sv
New York	3.11	429	168	179	360	6	13
Atlanta	3.23	489	193	170	448	8	16
Houston	3.48	527	201	172	361	4	19
Pittsburgh	3.48	511	207	180	481	7	18
San Francisco	3.55	490	218	217	409	3	18
San Diego	3.57	523	215	195	488	3	20
Chicago	4.02	518	237	212	438	4	17
Milwaukee	4.08	526	232	192	366	0	14
Los Angeles	4.10	500	241	219	450	2	14
Montreal	4.49	523	259	205	362	1	13
Cincinnati	4.58	527	271	215	382	2	18
Philadelphia	4.62	494	259	186	426	2	15
St. Louis	4.88	551	283	201	355	3	16
Arizona	5.12	544	298	206	325	1	12
Colorado	5.26	582	308	230	357	2	13
Florida	5.58	593	318	226	355	1	5

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING
Based on 6 decisions

	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
ALeiter NYM	67	52	22	64	5	3	1.74
GMaddux Atl	97	75	13	72	8	2	1.85
Wickman Mil	34	28	13	27	2	4	1.85
Glavine Atl	81	70	27	66	8	2	2.10
Ashby SD	97	90	22	61	7	4	2.30
FCordova Pit	82	69	15	53	6	3	2.30
RReed NYM	76	59	14	49	6	3	2.37
KBrown SD	91	85	18	73	5	3	2.47
TAdams ChC	34	24	13	41	4	3	2.62
Bergman Hou	57	55	13	29	5	3	2.67
RMartinez LA	90	66	33	80	7	2	2.70
Schilling Phi	99	77	25	125	5	6	2.71
Wood ChC	61	39	31	94	6	2	2.79
Hampton Hou	92	96	33	68	7	3	2.84
Hershiser SF	77	50	31	58	5	3	2.91
Neagle Atl	83	84	16	61	7	2	3.01
OPerez Mon	97	97	21	48	6	3	3.04
Hamisch Cin	78	62	23	54	5	1	3.06
Reynolds Hou	90	98	23	73	6	3	3.09
Smoltz Atl	94	71	29	88	6	5	3.16
Belinda Cin	40	32	22	41	3	6	3.32
Lima Hou	81	83	16	53	6	2	3.32
Trachsel ChC	69	66	29	52	6	1	3.37
Miceli SD	30	31	10	23	4	2	3.56
Schmidt Pit	77	77	19	57	8	1	3.59
Woodard Mil	44	41	8	37	3	3	3.65
Rueter SF	72	67	25	36	7	3	3.75
Hermanson Mon	47	38	15	39	3	4	3.78
Tapani ChC	77	78	22	48	7	3	3.82
Dreifort LA	70	71	17	62	3	5	3.84
Millwood Atl	66	58	21	62	7	2	3.93
BsAnderson Ari	74	75	12	36	3	6	4.00
Gomes Phi	38	37	6	32	4	2	4.03
Jaden Mil	78	76	34	61	5	4	4.04
BJJones NYM	62	53	19	36	4	3	4.04
Karl Mil	74	82	28	37	5	2	4.12
Meadows Fla	74	77	20	39	4	5	4.12
Lieber Pit	78	75	22	62	3	7	4.27
Remlinger Cin	62	59	36	51	3	6	4.35
Tomko Cin	78	73	19	64	5	4	4.35
AnBenes Ari	94	97	28	50	4	5	4.40
Winchester Cin	42	52	13	15	3	3	4.46
Darwin SF	65	73	22	43	5	3	4.57
Ellis Col	88	89	53	48	5	7	4.60
Estes SF	82	81	42	70	5	5	4.61
Boehringer SD	33	36	22	32	5	1	4.64
Hernandez Fla	86	100	38	65	3	4	4.71
Blair Ari	84	90	27	40	2	8	4.78
Park LA	69	75	37	56	4	3	4.78
JPowell Fla	26	29	18	20	4	3	4.78
Moore Mon	57	70	17	34	2	5	4.89
McClark ChC	79	84	22	57	3	6	4.90
TGreen Phi	66	59	33	50	3	4	4.91
Busby Stl.	38	37	14	25	5	1	4.97
Nomo LA	67	57	38	73	2	7	5.05
Thomson Col	71	77	22	55	5	5	5.17
JeGonzalez ChC	60	62	26	42	4	5	5.22
Nomes LA	74	88	30	51	4	6	5.33
JHamilton SD	82	86	47	57	3	7	5.49
McGrace Phi	59	75	27	32	3	5	5.58
Mercker Stl.	69	81	24	29	5	3	5.61
Gardner SF	68	80	27	47	4	2	5.64
Darensbourg Fla	30	27	16	28	0	6	5.70
YVazquez Mon	66	66	31	53	1	6	5.86
JnWright Col	70	84	37	35	4	6	6.43
Weathers Cin	57	78	26	47	2	4	6.59
Suppan Ari	55	69	16	32	1	6	7.04
Astacio Col	74	94	29	61	4	7	7.26
Alarkin Fla	49	64	31	27	2	5	7.79

TEAM BATTING

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Atlanta	2046	329	572	86	321	.279
Colorado	2080	282	580	67	272	.278
San Francisco	2083	299	566	49	279	.271
Houston	1963	298	531	50	273	.270
St. Louis	2015	309	542	76	300	.268
Philadelphia	1924	256	515	46	245	.267
Chicago	2000	284	534	59	273	.267
Cincinnati	2049	268	527	53	260	.261
Milwaukee	1917	237	499	49	225	.260
New York	1803	241	466	35	230	.258
San Diego	2074	286	530	56	273	.255
Los Angeles	2022	257	516	55	244	.255
Pittsburgh	1986	236	501	36	221	.252
Florida	1964	264	488	49	250	.248
Montreal	1945	194	474	51	180	.243
Arizona	2016	230	486	60	215	.241

INDIVIDUAL BATTING
Based on 140 plate appearances

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Olerud NYM	176	27	64	5	29	.364
RJordan Stl.	185	34	67	9	36	.362
Taubensee Cin	181	29	64	4	38	.354
Gwynn SD	201	33	71	7	36	.353
Bichette Col	246	38	85	7	46	.346
Alou Hou	200	33	69	12	51	.345
MaGrace ChC	223	36	77	7	42	.345
Kendall Pit	198	36	68	4	32	.343
Sosa ChC	238	42	74	16	46	.339
CJones Atl	225	51	76	16	48	.338
Weiss Atl	145	31	49	0	13	.338
Mercedini ChC	196	36	66	2	26	.337
LWalker Col	211	46	71	7	29	.336
OHeurg Cin	212	31	71	6	29	.335
JGuillen Pit	192	23	64	5	23	.333
Everett Hou	125	19	41	4	21	.328
DeShields Stl.	196	40	64	2	22	.327
Jefferies Phi	198	27	64	4	27	.323
Mueller SF	212	43	68	5	24	.321
Bonds SF	209	39	67	14	47	.321
McGwire Stl.	175	46	56	27	68	.320
Joyner SD	163	29	52	5	34	.319
DeBell Hou	218	41	69	7	39	.317
Aurilia SF	146	27	46	4	24	.315
Biggio Hou	222	50	70	7	28	.315
Galarraga Atl	229	51	72	21	55	.314
Glanville Phi	243	47	76	4	20	.313
Sheffield LA	200	30	62	8	39	.310
SRolen Phi	221	37	68	12	41	.308
Loretta Mil	130	15	40	1	19	.308
Girillo Mil	201	30	62	5	21	.308
Grissom Mil	150	13	46	3	21	.307
Allensworth Pit	180	23	55	3	19	.306
BBrown ChC	167	30	51	5	21	.305
Gutierrez Hou	161	13	49	0	12	.304
Baerga NYM	181	20	55	5	26	.304
Abreu Phi	172	21	52	4	21	.302
VGuerrero Mon	216	31	65	10	27	.301
Vina Mil	229	38	69	3	11	.301
Kotsay Fla	206	29	61	2	23	.296
Piazza NYM	210	28	62	10	39	.295
Tucker Atl	178	34	52	9	31	.292
Karros LA	127	14	37	2	18	.291
Castilla Col	237	40	69	22	58	.291
DWhite Ari	237	36	69	8	27	.291
JLopez Atl	176	21	51	12	40	.290
Lockhart Atl	177	24	51	4	19	.288
NWhite Mon	212	29	61	10	33	.288
GVaughn SD	215	40	62	20	48	.288
DHamilton SF	184	33	53	1	11	.288
Mabry Stl.	129	13	37	3	21	.287
RLankford Stl.	182	30	52	7	29	.286
AFox Ari	144	16	41	3	10	.285
JKent SF	235	35	67	6	42	.285
Fullmer Mon	197	16	56	3	24	.284
Renteria Fla	225	36	64	1	17	.284
QNeras SD	194	30	55	0	14	.284
Mondesi LA	230	33	65	14	39	.283
Gaetti Stl.	152	26	43	6	23	.283
Floyd Fla	213	41	60	11	35	.282
BBoone Cin	228	26	64	9	39	.281
Helton Col	182	25	51	7	26	.280
WGreene Cin	186	36	52	8	27	.280
Belaford Phi	162	22	45	3	15	.278
Gilkey NYM	137	19	38	2	16	.277
Brogna Phi	200	32	55	9	45	.275
Alfonzo NYM	146	26	40	3	21	.274
Spiers Hou	124	18	34	1	20	.274
HPerez Col	229	26	62	3	17	.271
EcYoung LA	207	37	56	1	15	.271
AMartin Pit	200	29	54	5	19	.270
Hollandsworth LA	175	23	47	3	20	.269
BLarkin Cin	186	31	50	4	24	.269
Bumitz Mil	209	32	56	11	41	.268
Clemandez SD	138	13	37	2	11	.268
Matheny Mil	150	13	40	4	16	.267
Ajones Atl	207	34	55	9	33	.266
Widger Mon	174	11	46	6	21	.264
Stynes Cin	197	30	52	5	14	.264
Vizcaino LA	178	22	47	3	24	.264
Burks Col	201	25	52	11	33	.259
RYoung Pit	213	27	55	12	38	.258
TLee Ari	221	29	56	10	31	.253
Counsell Fla	178	26	45	1	23	.253
Bonilla LA	166	17	42	5	23	.253
Bagwell Hou	155	32	39	8	23	.252
Womack Pit	239	33	60	1	18	.251
Lansing Col	223	20	56	2	16	.251
MWilliams Ari	213	28	53	11	30	.249
Caminiti SD	133	19	33	7	28	.248
JSanders Cin	147	19	36	6	24	.245
Huskey NYM	181	22	44	7	32	.243
BDrdonez NYM	186	17	45	0	16	.242
Santangelo Mon	190	24	46	3	9	.242
Grudzielanek Mon	233	28	56	5	13	.240
Javier SF	192	24	46	1	23	.240
McRae NYM	176	28	42	4	24	.239
Gomez SD	169	18	40	2	14	.237
Klesko Atl	186	31	44	8	33	.237
Zeile Fla	212	31	50	8	32	.236
JBell Ari	216	35	51	8	25	.236
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National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	43	19	.694	—
New York	33	23	.589	7
Philadelphia	28	30	.483	13
Montreal	24	36	.400	18
Florida	17	43	.283	25
Central Division				
Chicago	36	24	.600	—
Houston	36	24	.600	—
Pittsburgh	31	30	.508	5½
Milwaukee	29	29	.500	6
St. Louis	29	31	.483	7
Cincinnati	28	34	.452	9
West Division				
San Francisco	38	24	.613	—
San Diego	37	25	.597	1
Los Angeles	30	31	.492	7½
Colorado	26	36	.419	12
Arizona	19	43	.306	19

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	43	13	.768	—
Boston	34	25	.576	10½
Toronto	30	31	.492	15½
Baltimore	29	32	.475	16½
Tampa Bay	25	35	.417	20
Central Division				
Cleveland	36	24	.600	—
Minnesota	26	33	.441	9½
Chicago	24	35	.407	11½

Who's delivering the mail?

CHICAGO – He stepped to the podium clad in a snug T-shirt that accentuated his well-chiseled body. Indeed, to see Utah Jazz forward Karl Malone up close, you're even more impressed by how massive the man is.

He was the NBA's Most Valuable Player in 1997 and runner-up this season. During this year's playoffs, he has run over and through the likes of Hakeem Olajuwon, Charles Barkley, David Robinson and Shaquille O'Neal.

MY CALL
By JERRY BEMBRY

So why, two games into the NBA Finals, with Game 3 last night at the United Center in Chicago is the biggest question: "Where in the world is Karl Malone?" And why is the 6-foot-9, 256-pound Malone shooting jumpers, instead of bullying Luc Longley?

Malone has been an NBA Finals no-show. With a subpar 16-point effort in Friday's 93-88 lesson Friday, he is shooting 34.1 percent (14 of 41 from the field) through two games. And with the mounting criticism of him, one has to wonder at what point does his problem become mental.

"Yes, but – yes, I would, you know, and like I say, all year I make those shots," said Malone, stammering on the podium at the Delta Center during a post-game interrogation after Friday's loss. "It just comes at a bad time not to make them. You know, guys, I wish I could make a lot of excuses, but I don't have any."

How's this for a suggestion: Perhaps Malone is incapable of rising to the occasion in big games. On Friday, he didn't make a shot in the second half and missed his only two fourth-quarter attempts. That followed a poor Game 1 in which Malone shot just 9-for-25.

And even during last year's Finals, Malone failed in the clutch. He missed two free throws in the final seconds of Game 1 that, instead of giving the Jazz a two-point lead, instead set up Michael Jordan's game-winning shot. In Game 2, Malone shot 6-for-20 from the field. And facing elimination in Game 6, Malone missed seven of 11 free-throw attempts in the season-ending four-point loss.

Asked why Malone didn't get more shots in the second half of Friday's loss, Jazz Coach Jerry Sloan seemed to place some of the blame on his All-Star forward. "I never said I didn't want Karl Malone to take shots," Sloan said. "But the important thing is how hard do you work to get open to get shots. They were doing a great job, they stood us up and took us out of some of the things we wanted to do. That's when you have to be tough mentally and stay with it."

If Malone doesn't somehow find that mental toughness over the rest of the series – and if Utah doesn't win the title many predicted – he will be haunted the rest of his career for his failure in big-game situations. His struggles are a complete surprise, especially after he dominated the postseason up until this series (Malone averaged 26.5 points on 45.8% shooting entering the finals).

Despite his size, Malone's major shortcoming is that he has never really developed adequate post moves. Malone is best at steamrollering a defender, scoring off the fast break or running pick-and-roll plays with John Stockton. Chicago took away many of those options Friday.

Another option for Malone has been his jumper, which was accurate in the Western Conference finals against the LA Lakers.

Malone is getting good looks on his jumper against the Bulls, but the shots are simply not falling.

"Those shots, I've made all year," Malone said. "It's just coming at an unfortunate time I'm not playing well right now."

(The Baltimore Sun)



Victory gallop noses ahead of Real Quiet at the finish of the Belmont Stakes on Saturday. (Reuters)

Real Quiet comes real close to winning Triple Crown

NEW YORK (AP) – The Fish was headed for the Triple Crown – and then he got caught.

Real Quiet was nosed out of the Belmont Stakes on Saturday by a startling stretch run from Victory Gallop, who won a bumpy duel and nailed him in the final stride.

"The Fish was floundering at the end," said trainer Bob Baffert, referring to Real Quiet by his nickname. "He was tired. He was done. He was beat. He ran his heart out."

Real Quiet swung into the stretch and led by as many as six lengths, with the crowd screaming, sensing history in the making. But Victory Gallop cut it to four and the horses were nearly side by side when they bumped about 70 yards from the end.

Even if Real Quiet finished first, the stewards said they were prepared to disqualify the Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner for drifting into his rival in the deep stretch.

Victory Gallop, who finished second to Real Quiet in the first two Triple Crown races, finally found a way to win. And he did it by wearing him down in the 1¼-mile Belmont, the longest race in the series.

"I think it's fair we turned the tables," winning trainer Elliott Walden said.

Real Quiet, the 4-5 favorite in the field of 11 3-year-olds, took the lead from Chilito three-eighths of a mile from home, and the crowd of 80,162 – the second-largest in Belmont history – roared its approval.

It appeared Real Quiet was about to become racing's 12th Triple Crown winner and the first since Affirmed in 1978. He also was on the verge of avenging his stablemate, Silver Charm, who last year finished second in the Belmont by three-quarters of a length.

And just when it seemed Real Quiet had passed the "Test of Champions," Victory Gallop put his nose ahead at the wire. It took a photo finish to separate the two.

Western Bulldogs increase lead in AFL

SYDNEY (AP) – Western Bulldogs went two wins clear at the top of the Australian Football League ladder with an impressive win over defending champion Adelaide yesterday.

As Sydney suffered its second humiliating loss in succession, the Bulldogs made the most of their rival's stumble by thrashing Adelaide 24.11 (155) to 13.10 (88). The Bulldogs had a 9-2 record at the half-way mark of the season to lead Sydney and Melbourne on 7-4 and St. Kilda, which is 7-3 with a game in hand.

Sydney was beaten 24.16 (160) to 15.10 (100) against Essendon after a 101-point loss against St. Kilda a week earlier.

The Swans won their first five matches but have lost four of their last six games.

West Coast Eagles continued their good run with a two-point victory over Port Adelaide on Saturday night.

Port led from the 24th minute of the second quarter until time-on in the last term. But the hosts failed to score a goal in the last quarter while Eagles midfielder Ben Cousins scored twice to secure a 8.9.(57) to 7.13.(55) victory.

Melbourne bounced back after a mini mid-season slump to go fourth with a 18.9 (117) to 10.10 (70) win over Hawthorn.

Demons forward Jeff Farmer kicked three goals in the opening quarter to give them a flying start and finished along with Garry Lyon with four goals each.

Demons coach Neale Daniher warned that the side was "still around the place" and was now well positioned for a finals attack.

"To be 7-4 at the halfway mark considering we have gone on the road four times is a pretty good position to be in," Daniher said.

At the MCG Geelong repelled two second-half charges from Carlton to win their rain-affected match by 17 points on Saturday.

The Blues drew level in the third quarter and trailed by only three points late in the last term, but the Cats held on to win 12.8 (80) to 9.9 (63).

Fremantle 17.19 (121) def. Brisbane 7.8 (50) West Coast 8.9 (57) def. Port Adelaide 7.13 (55) Geelong 12.8 (80) def. Carlton 9.9 (63) Melbourne 18.9 (117) def. Hawthorn 10.10 (70) Essendon 24.16 (160) def. Sydney 15.10 (100) Western Bulldogs 24.11 (155) def. Adelaide 13.10 (88).

Capitals' Kolzig on a roll as Stanley Cup finals draw near

WASHINGTON (AP) – Olaf Kolzig usually plays better when he faces a barrage of shots. That's a good thing for the Washington Capitals, because Olie the Goalie can expect to be a busy man in the Stanley Cup finals.

Kolzig is the main reason why the Capitals are in the finals for the first time in their 24-year existence. A backup just a year ago, Kolzig has allowed only 31 goals in 17 playoff games thus far – an impressive average of just 1.82 goals per game.

But now he must face the Detroit Red Wings, who have the top four point-scorers in the playoffs – sharpshooters Steve Yzerman, Nicklas Lidstrom, Sergei Fedorov and Tomas Holmstrom.

Halfway through Game 6 of the Capitals-Buffalo series, the Sabres were outshooting Washington 20-10.

But Kolzig allowed only two goals in 66-plus minutes in that game and Washington won in overtime.

Game 1 of the finals will be held tomorrow night in Detroit.

The Capitals on many occasions in the past were victimized in the playoffs by a hot goaltender, but this time Washington seems to have one on its side. Kolzig, however, refused to accept the label.

Kolzig won't be able to beat the Red Wings by himself, although the Capitals give him credit for lifting him past the Boston Bruins in the opening round when Washington was badly outshot in virtually every game.

"We have to be ready," forward Joe Juneau said. "We just have to keep on playing better and better."

Against Boston we weren't playing our best hockey, and Olaf Kolzig kept us in the series. Against Ottawa we played better, and against Buffalo we turned it up a notch."

Having worked so hard to advance to the finals for the first time, the Capitals are in perfect position to suffer a huge letdown. But the players know that winning the Stanley Cup is the only way this season can be considered a complete success.

"We won our (conference) and now we have a chance to win the Stanley Cup. We have to remember that we have a lot of work to do," forward Chris Simon said. "We're not satisfied with being second. We want to be No. 1, and we know we have to keep playing the same way."

Ra'anana bowlers win Northern Pairs tourney

By NORMAN SPIRO

John Goldberg and Sol Rootshtain (Ra'anana) won the annual National Northern Pairs lawn bowls tournament in Haifa over the weekend, while Ruthie Gilor with Shosh Cohen of Kiryat Ono took the women's trophy.

In a tight head-for-head game, Goldberg and Rootshtain playing against the Haifa pair of Moshe Ranan and Arieh Ben-Dor kept ahead with accurate bowling to lead 12-6 at the 11th head, but an excellent fight back saw the Haifa pair make up the deficit to lead 14-13 at the 18th end.

In the following head, Ra'anana scored a counting 4 when Roothstain drew to the jack and Goldberg added three more accurate bowls. With two more in the penultimate end the Ra'anana pair came through for a deserved 19-16 win.

Gilor playing excellent bowls and well supported by Cohen outplayed the Ra'anana pair of Lorraine Rabman and Sylvia Machet to lead 11-6 at the 10th end and then win six of the remaining seven heads for a 22-7 victory.

Of kings, lady luck and piranhas

Ofer Ronen-Abels discusses the chances for South American success at the World Cup with journalist Salva Brazilai

SALVA Brazilai has become a well-known personality to local sports fans. The diminutive Brazilian is recognized wherever he goes mostly for his passion for his beloved country and specifically for its national soccer team.

Brazilai, who also writes for *Yediot Aharonot* broke into the public eye a few years ago, when he became the South American specialist at Cable TV's Sports Channel during the Copa America, South America's biennial nations cup tournament.

Brazilai, 46, whose Tel Aviv home looks like a shrine to his beloved team of gold and green, is preparing himself for another do-or-die *Mundial*.

He explains the importance of success at international level for all South American nations where the passion for the game is unparalleled.

"Football is a simple game which is played for the people by the people. In South America, the World Cup especially, is an event which unites people around one issue: the success of their national team," he says.

"The simplicity of the game, and the fact that most South American players come from poverty-stricken backgrounds makes it easy for the ordinary folk to identify with their idols who made it from the very same gutters to super-stardom."

"Most South American players do not forget where they came from and are therefore more street wise than their European counterparts," Brazilai continues.

REGARDING Brazil's South American rivals' chances, Brazilai is optimistic.

He doesn't rate Paraguay too highly, saying that despite having former Flamengo coach, Brazilian Cesar Carpegiani, as their manager, a team that has their most significant player between the posts – the volatile Jose Luis Chilavert – will not do much in France.

On the other hand, he predicts Chile will do well in their relatively easy group, as they have two outstanding strikers in Marcelo Salas and Ivan Zamorano.

The Mexicans are another side to watch out for: "Mexico are a very experienced side, they always do well in big tournaments. On paper they have a tough group but I think they may eclipse Belgium and possibly even Holland."

Brazilai remembers the great Pele when asked about Colombia: "In 1994 Pele said that Colombia were his favorites to win the World Cup and he didn't think Brazil stood a chance. We all know what happened!"



BRAZILIAN PASSION – Salva Brazilai

"This time, Pele has said the exact opposite – but we all know that the 'great one' is always wrong," he jokes says.

Talking about Brazil's arch rivals, Argentina, Brazilai is careful as he has many friends who support the Argentines.

"I enjoyed myself so much at Teddy Stadium a couple of months ago when Haim Revivo scored the winner and beat them. But it didn't last that long, as Argentina beat Brazil at the Maracana a couple of weeks later."

"Defeat by Israel must have been the kick up the backside that the Argentinians needed in order to get their act together because since then they haven't stopped winning," Brazilai laments.

"They are a very organized team and it scares me," he says. Argentina are a very disciplined side, but they haven't got a 'king,' and a good South American side always needs a king! Batistuta isn't a leader simply because his coach (Daniel Passarella) doesn't allow him to become one."

Brazilai is cautious about his own beloved team's chances, but being the staunch, perhaps blinkered, supporter that he is, he can't see anything for them apart from victory.

"The World Cup is a very difficult tournament but Brazil are the best individuals in the business. We have in our squad two Spanish champions (Barcelona's Rivaldo and Giovanni), One European champion (Real Madrid's Roberto Carlos) and one UEFA champion (Inter's Ronaldo) the question is to get the right balance."

"A team needs good balance, a great deal of luck and a king," says Brazilai, as he explains with a typical Latin passion: "following the defeat by Norway, Zico was brought into the side to take some of the heat off Mario Zagallo and both of them will have to make sure the team is well balanced".

"As far as lady luck, is concerned, all you have to do is to look back and see the way that previous World Cups were won: The infamous 'Hand of God' (like a true Brazilian, he doesn't miss a chance to have a go at arch rivals Argentina).

"Another great example of luck is the way in which Germany always win when the chips are down and of course, Brazil's victory in the penalty shoot-out over Italy in the 1994 final."

Regarding the king, Salva was happy to have two in this tournament in the shape of Ronaldo and Romario but a phone call interrupted our conversation which put Brazilai and countless other Brazilians into a state of shock when he was told that Romario was out of the 22-man squad for the finals.

"Zagallo must have been encouraged by Gazza's omission from the England squad as he dropped Brazil's World Cup darling," said a pale Brazilai only seconds after putting the phone down.

After a few minutes, when he began regaining his composure, Brazilai said he thought Romario's omission might form a bond in the side in a similar fashion to way in which the death of Ayrton Senna gave Brazil the extra motivation to succeed in 1994.

His prediction that the combination of Rivaldo and Ronaldo, who may be joined up front by either Giovanni or the most expensive player on the planet, Denilson, will lead to nothing other than another World Cup win. But it won't be easy and he quotes Romario in trying to depict just how difficult the task will be "In a river full of Piranha even a horse has to sip water through a straw."

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The Haifa English Theater presents Schnitzler's 'La Ronde.'

ENGLISH THEATER

HELEN KAYE

Ten couples form the circle of Arthur Schnitzler's *La Ronde*, that never-ending cycle of love, intrigues, betrayals, flirting – the whole fascinating tapestry of human relationships. The Haifa English Theater production is directed by Murray Rosovsky. At the Haifa Museum tonight at 8:30 and on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Tickets: 04-8523255.

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

Tutti Frutti covers a multitude of multimedia theatrical happenings at the Hebrew University's end-of-year theater arts department. The festival runs through June 10 and includes works by Beckett, Garcia Lorca and a lot by the students themselves.

Today's events include *Why Should They Remember My Name* with music by Kurt Weill and Paul Dassen at the Hanyon theater at 6:15 p.m and Brecht's monodrama *The Jewish Wife*, directed by Yehuda Morali at the Hanyon at 9 p.m. (Hebrew).

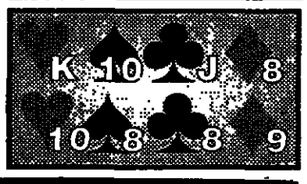
FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★ ON CONNAIT LA CHANSON – The latest film by veteran French director Alain Resnais is an homage to the late, great English TV dramatist Dennis Potter, and it relies on Potter's pet device of letting the characters express their thoughts by means of lip-syncing popular songs. But while Potter used his love of old standards to express both sharp intelligence and deep pathos in a way that always felt strangely natural, Resnais seems more intent on amusing his audience in a brittle, parlor-game way. He rarely lets these musical interludes last more than a few seconds at a time, never long enough for us to be swept up by the music, and this inside-joke abruptness, combined with the Brechtian performance style and random range of the music itself, only adds to the odd, almost arid nature of the project. That said, the *unsung* parts of this movie are actually quite charming. In a slight, intentionally trifling style reminiscent of a chatty Eric Rohmer film, Resnais and scriptwriter Agnes Jaoui and Jean-Pierre Bacri spin several interlocking, quintessentially Parisian stories of love, betrayal and real estate. (French dialogue, Hebrew subtitles only. Not recommended for children.)

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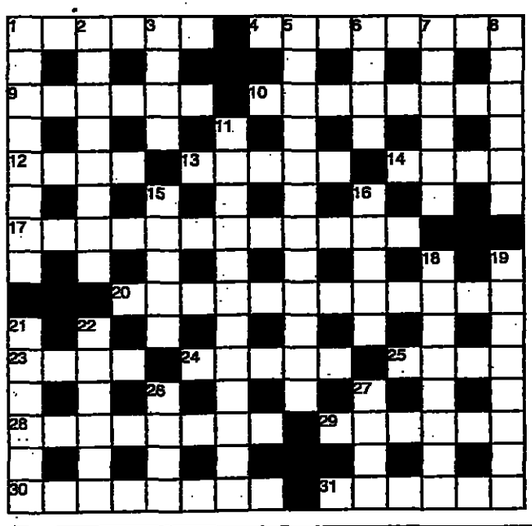
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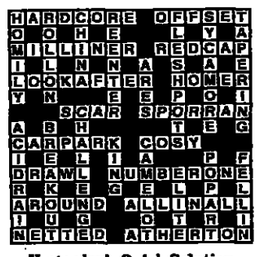
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4 Hot tempered woman, one of the few in the second row (8)
9 *Coin fashionable to utter* (6)
10 Pinches bits (8)
12 Properly fit, fortunately (4)
13 Fireplace relatively large, we hear (5)
14 Silver on tin is a problem (4)
17 Sailor transported and looked after, faraway (6-6)
20 Hindmost name, possibly, in carpeting (12)
23 A woman always at a *distance* (4)
24 Inert form of saltpetre (5)
25 Track of marsh bird (4)
28 German team-leader turned out nice? (8)
29 Suffer punishment with a sherry-glass (6)
30 Is one put up in the garden for dippers and divers? (8)
31 Strode around county (6)

DOWN

1 Fair Isle, perhaps, for king taking a winter trip (8)
2 Joyce, for example, has consort of ten viols (8)
3 Italian flower of particular note (4)
5 Treated patient in Rye is cooler (12)
6 *Row makes retired fellow* healthy (4)
7 Man is, notwithstanding Donne's statement (6)
8 Flag officer? (6)
11 This gymnast almost trip in twist? (12)
15 A lyric *poem in a terminal* (5)
16 The Anglo-French concoction causes amnesia (5)
18 Was it tossed by Romans in rained-off states? (8)
19 Beefy law-breaker in Genesis? (8)
21 Label on tin shows Cambridge origin? (6)
22 He puts a price on Virginia's troubled rule (6)
26 Company doctor's curry (4)
27 Bird dead with nothing to follow? Same again? (4)



SOLUTIONS

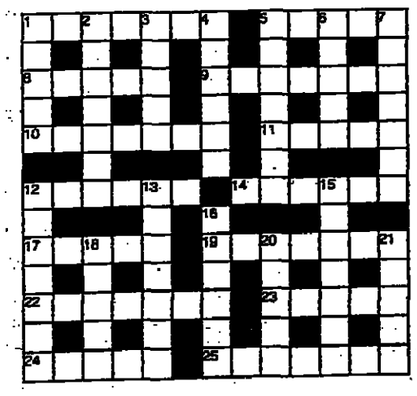


Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Paltry, 4 Dishes, 7 Colosseum, 9 Lard, 10 Keep, 11 Cabal, 13 Tannin, 14 Lancer, 15 Pallid, 17 Aabram, 19 Limbo, 20 Iona, 22 Fawn, 23 Essential, 24 Resist, 25 Detain.

DOWN: 1 Pellet, 2 Trod, 3 Yeoman, 4 Dismal, 5 Souk, 6 Sniper, 7 Crinoline, 8 Mercurial, 11 Civil, 12 Lasso, 15 Primer, 16 Divert, 17 Abated, 18 Minion, 21 Asti, 22 Fast.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Rodent kept as pet (7)
5 Cogs (5)
8 Well done! (5)
9 Motif, model (7)
10 News (7)
11 Go in (5)
12 Read carefully (6)
14 eg Cuba (6)
17 Make mention of (5)
19 Speaker's platform (7)
22 Nimbleness (7)
23 Additional clause (5)
24 Irish playwright (5)
25 Satiated (7)

DOWN

1 Custom (5)
2 Wander aimlessly (7)
3 Prickle (5)
4 Meal (6)
5 Rags (7)
6 Happening (5)
7 Ancient division of county (7)
12 Maybe (7)
13 Small food fish (7)
15 Condense written work (7)
16 Invocation, appeal (6)
18 Pretend (5)
20 Undress (5)
21 Amalgamate (5)

TV

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
8:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV (11)

8:00 Miraculous Revival of the Hebrew Language
8:30 Pique Nique
9:00 Reading
9:25 Sociology
9:55 English
10:00 Programs for the very young
11:00 History
11:45 Literature
12:20 Science
13:15 Medicine
13:30 Animation
15:05 Without Secrets

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

15:30 Zap 1 and Elie and Lily
15:35 X Men
16:00 Bylder Grove
16:30 Garfield and Elie and Lily
16:59 A New Evening
17:34 Zap
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Sport
19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 News Flash
19:31 Garlic, Pepper and Olive Oil
19:53 Filmed On the Street
20:00 News
20:45 Popolitica
22:05 Jonathan Creek
23:00 Boston Common
23:25 Filmed On the Street
23:30 News
00:00 Verse of the Day

■ CHANNEL 2 (22)

5:45 Today's Programs
5:55 On the Edge of the Shelf
6:00 Animation
6:30 Rainbow Children
6:43 This Morning
9:00 Rivka Michaeli
9:55 Rich Man Poor Man
10:50 Dynasty
11:40 Ruth the Galilean
12:10 The Preston Episodes
12:34 Scooby Doo
13:00 My Secret Identity
13:30 Eli & Jules
14:00 Home and Away
14:30 Tick Tack
15:00 Major Dad
15:28 Roseanne
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Different Driving
17:00 Five with Reshet
17:30 Third in Entertainment
18:00 The World's Dumbest Criminals
18:05 Pacific Palisades
19:00 Walker Texas Ranger
20:00 News
20:30 First in Entertainment
22:00 Murder One
22:57 Dad, Cuba and the Daughter of Mutsuma
00:00 News
00:10 Sharing Richard – three women who find the love of their lives, discover that their dream men are one and the same
1:54 Story Tellers Festival
2:47 Anything But Love
3:12 Arad Festival '97
3:56 On the Edge of the Shelf

■ JORDAN TV (31) (unconfirmed)

16:00 Holy Koran
16:10 Peter Rabbit
16:30 Little Devil
17:00 Thalassa
18:00 Riding High
18:30 Neighbors
19:00 Le Journal
19:15 Cinque et Cinque
19:30 News Headlines
19:35 Hope and Gloria
20:00 Perspective
20:30 US Billboard
21:10 Marker
22:00 News at Ten
22:30 Law & Order
23:15 Cosmos
23:25 Bay Watch Nights
00:00 Music
00:30 Comedy

■ MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27)

14:00 TV Shop
14:30 Body Electric
15:00 Basic Training
15:30 The 700 Club
16:00 Larry King
17:00 Flying House
17:23 Wishkid
17:45 McGee and Me
18:10 Jack Hanna
18:35 Wait Till You Have Kids
19:00 Showbiz
19:30 World News Tonight
20:00 NHL - Washington vs Ottowa
23:00 The 700 Club
23:30 CNN

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■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Cartoons
16:45 Amores
17:30 Panorama
18:00 Wiseman of the Generations
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 Are You Being Served?
20:00 News
20:45 Entertainment Now
21:15 Farewell My Lovely – Philip Marlowe is charged with discovering the whereabouts of an ex-con's girlfriend, but soon finds himself beset with dead bodies. With Robert Mitchum and Charlotte Rampling
22:45 Great Romances of the 20th Century
23:15 Jazz into the Night

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Riding High
16:00 Wonder Why
16:30 English 9
17:00 Charlotte
17:30 Didavision
18:00 Zombit
18:30 Today's Health
19:00 Miraculous Revival of Hebrew
19:30 Vis a Vis
20:00 A New Evening
20:30 A Woman's Angle
21:00 School for Wives
22:00 Communication: The Human Imperative
22:30 Media Waves
23:00 Upstairs Downstairs

■ CHANNEL 3

7:00 EITV: Victoria's Secrets
8:00 Celeste
9:00 One Life to Live
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives
11:15 Dulce Ana (rpt)
12:00 The Love Boat
12:45 Hart to Hart
13:30 John Larroquette
14:00 Bewitched
14:25 I Dream of Jeannie
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:35 Judge Judy
16:00 Dulce Ana
16:45 One Life to Live
17:30 The Other Half
18:00 Trivia King (rpt)
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Beverly Hills 90210
20:25 Third Rock from the Sun
20:50 Just Shoot Me
21:10 Larry Sanders
21:35 Seinfeld
22:00 Mad About You
22:30 Seinfeld (rpt)
23:00 Ricki Lake
23:45 Law and Order
00:30 Babylon 5
1:20 The Love Boat

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 War and Remembrance (1989) – two episodes
13:20 By your Leave (1934) – a middle-aged man suggests to his wife that they each go their own way for fun. With Betty Grable and Frank Morgan
14:40 Seeing Stars: Interview with Sylvester Stallone
15:10 The Odyssey (1997) – high budget, TV miniseries based on Homer's immortal story. With Greta Scacchi, Armand Assante, Irene Papas, Geriadine Chaplin, Eric Roberts and Isabella Rossellini
18:10 Seeing Stars
18:30 Hogg's Heaven (1994) – short comedy about a young poet and his family
19:00 Photo Roman (Hebrew, 1988) – a bored high-school student dreams up imaginary tales with characters from her life. With Assi Dayan, Smadar Kalchinsky and Alon Abutbul
20:25 Seeing Stars: Mel Gibson and Nicole Kidman
21:10 Nikita
22:00 Chasing the Dragon (1996) – a working class single mother becomes addicted to heroin. With Markie Post
23:55 Don't Look Back (1996) – drug addict Jesse thinks he's found the answer to all his problems in the form of a briefcase full of money which he steals from the Mafia. With Eric Stoltz
1:05 Criminal Pursuit (1996) – a police woman trying to extract a confession from a rape and murder suspect disappears together with him. Her partner sets out to find her before it's too late
2:35 Cheyenne Warrior (1994) – an interracial love story, set in the turbulent Wild West

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
9:00 Adventures in Videoland
9:20 Little Star
9:40 Pink Panther and Sons
10:05 The Smurfs
10:35 Ninja Turtles
10:55 Bobby's World
11:25 Wishbone
11:55 Animaniacs
12:20 Migou
12:45 Nancy Drew
13:15 Berenstein Bears
13:35 Little Bear
13:45 Make Believe Closet
14:05 Willy Fogg
14:30 The Smurfs
15:00 Ninja Turtles
15:35 Bobby's World
16:00 Bruno
16:25 Animaniacs
16:50 Moesha
17:15 Nancy Drew
17:45 Sliders
18:30 The Secret World of Alex changes
19:00 Little University: Animation
19:30 Family Matters
19:50 Married with Children
20:20 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
20:40 Full House
21:05 Sweet Valley High
21:30 Beverly Hills 90210

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 A Story of Boys and Girls (Italian, 1991) – a young man from a rich Bologna family and a woman from the Tuscan countryside are engaged to be married. The two families meet for the first time at the engagement dinner
23:30 Comme Je Me Suis Dispute (French, 1996, 172 mins) – portrait of a struggling young philosopher who is bogged down writing his doctoral thesis and managing his love life. Directed by Arnaud Desplechin

■ CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University
8:00 Top Gun (rpt)
8:55 The Last Husky
9:50 A Private Class with Scott Ross – Harpsichord lesson
10:50 Who Took August – post-modern ballet
11:40 No More Play – modern dance
12:15 Floyd on Africa: Madagascar (rpt)
12:50 No Truckin' Holiday (rpt)
13:15 Harlem Diary
14:15 Trial Stories Special: Twigg v. Mags
15:05 Voices to Remember (rpt)
16:10 Cousteau: Mekong II(rpt)
17:00 Open University: Growing Awareness
17:30 Open University: Greenberg on on Art Criticism
18:00 Open University: *Portrait of a Family*; Faces of Culture
19:00 Floyd on Africa: Madagascar
19:35 No Truckin' Holiday, part 5
20:00 Far Flung Floyd: Vietnam
20:30 Ultrascience: Sex Appeal
21:00 Trial Stories Special: Libby Zion v. New York City Hospital
22:00 The Perfect Match, part 1 – exposé of the commercialization of soccer
22:50 Cousteau: Secret Societies of Dolphins and Whales
23:45 Open University: Aquanauts; Creative Spirit

■ NBC EUROPE (19/10)

6:00 Five Star Adventure (rpt)
6:30 The Ticket (rpt)
7:00 Europe Today
10:00 European Money Wheel – trading and currency news and analysis
13:00 Internight (rpt)
14:00 Time and Again
15:00 Flavors of Italy
15:30 VIP (rpt)
16:00 The Today Show
17:00 Gardening by the Yard
17:30 Interiors by Design
18:00 Time and Again
19:00 Europe à la Carte (rpt)
19:30 VIP
20:00 Europe Tonight
20:30 The Ticket
21:00 National Geographic Television
22:00 Major League Baseball Highlights
23:00 Tonight Show
00:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien
1:00 The Ticket (rpt)
1:30 VIP (rpt)
2:00 Tonight Show (rpt)
3:00 Internight
4:00 VIP (rpt)
4:30 Travel Express
5:00 The Ticket (rpt)
5:30 Flavors of Italy

■ STAR PLUS (18/15)

6:00 Hindi program
7:30 Living on the Edge
8:00 Oprah Winfrey
9:00 To the Manor Born
9:30 LA Law
10:30 Santa Barbara
11:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
12:30 Prime Suspect
14:00 WWF Shotgun Challenge
15:00 Hindi programs
18:30 Star News
19:00 The Good Life
19:30 Heartbeat
20:30 Newstrack
21:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
21:30 Star News (rpt)
22:00 Newhart
22:30 The X-Files
23:30 Fire
00:30 Charlie's Angles
1:30 Santa Barbara
2:30 Oprah Winfrey
3:30 Hindi program
4:30 Good Morning India

■ BBC WORLD (13/14)

News on the hour
6:30 Asia Today
6:45 USA Direct
7:30 Correspondent
8:30 Earth Report: Water (rpt)
9:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
10:30 Future Fantastic: I, Robot (rpt)
11:30 Correspondent
12:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
13:30 Top Gear (rpt)
14:00 The World Today
15:30 Nomads of the Wind, part 100
16:30 The World Today
17:30 Film '98 (rpt)
18:30 Hard Talk
19:30 Style!
20:00 The World Today
21:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
22:30 Window on Europe
23:00 World News and Business Report
23:30 Holiday: Fasten Your Seat Belt
00:10 Europe Direct
1:15 World News and Business Report
1:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
2:05 USA Direct
2:30 Correspondent
3:30 Earth Report (rpt)
4:30 Asia Today
4:45 World Business
5:30 Asia Today

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL (12)

News through the day
6:30 This Week in the NBA
7:05 CNN This Morning
7:30 Best of Insight
8:00 CNN This Morning
8:30 Managing with Jan Hopkins
9:00 CNN This Morning
9:30 World Sport
10:00 CNN This Morning
10:30 World Cup Weekly
11:00 Impact
12:30 World Sport
13:30 American Edition
13:45 World Report: As They See It
14:30 Pinnacle Europe
15:15 News & Business Asia
16:30 CNN Newsroom
17:30 World Sport
18:30 The Art Club
19:00 Impact
20:45 American Edition
21:30 World Business
22:30 Q&A
23:00 News Europe
23:30 Insight
00:00 World Business
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
2:30 Moneyline

■ CHANNEL 5

2:25 Live NBA Finals – game 3
8:00 NBA
16:00 Body in Motion
16:30 Getting Ready for the World Cup
17:30 World Soccer
18:00 International Journal
19:00 Getting Ready for the World Cup
20:00 In Search of Fame
21:00 NBA
23:30 Darts

■ EUROSPORT (15/16)

9:30 Whitbread Round the World race
10:30 Road to the World Cup
11:30 World Cup Legends
12:30 Rally
13:00 Cart
15:00 Evian Masters
16:00 Duathlon
17:00 Road to the World Cup (rpt)
20:00 Bowling
21:00 Xtrem Sports
22:00 Soccer – World Cup kick off
00:00 Rally
00:30 Boxing
1:30 Formula 3000
2:00 Rally

PRIME TIME TV

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19:30	News Flash Garlic, Pepper Filmed in the Street News		Beverly Hills 90210		Family Matters Married with Children	No Truckin' Holiday
20:00		News			Fresh Prince of Bel Air Full House	Far Flung Floyd
20:30	Popolitica	First in Entertainment	Third Rock from the Sun	Seeing Stars		Ultrascience
21:00			Just Shoot Me The Larry Sanders Show	Nikita	Sweet Valley High	Trial Stories Special
21:30			Seinfeld		Beverly Hills 90210	
22:00	Jonathan Creek	Murder One	Mad About You	Chasing the Dragon	A Story of Boys and Girls	The Perfect Match
22:30			Seinfeld			
23:00	Boston Common	Dad, Cuba and the Daughter of Mutsuma	Ricki Lake			Cousteau

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 Poulenc: Sonata for Clarinet and Piano (Kam / Gould); Chopin: 2 Preludes, op 26; Bates: Life by the Pool ; Burkhard: Suite en miniature for Flute and Piano op 71 no 2; Suic 2 Pieces for Piano op 29; Bates: Reservations for a Trip Abroad (Afula Saxaphone Quartet)
7:07 Schubert: 6 Songs for Male Chorus (members of Shaw Chorale / Shaw); Grieg: Piano Sonata op 7 (Andsnes)
8:05 Delius: Walk to the Paradise Garden for Orchestra (BBC Orch / Davis); Delius: Songs of Sunset (Burgess / Terfel / Bournemouth Choir and Orch / Hickox)
9:05 Ellington: Black, Brown and Bass; Ellington: In Principle Black; Corea: Spain (McFerrin / Corea); Mompou: Piano music; Chaviano: Suite on Popular Themes from Spain, Argentina and Cuba; Debussy: Iberia; Winston: movements from Summer
12:00 Light Classical - Gilbert and Sullivan
13:00 Artist of the Week – Itzhak Pearlman
14:06 Encore – Beethoven: Violin Concerto op 61 (Kreisler / London PO / Barbirolli)
15:00 The Romantic Concerto
16:00 Early music
17:00 Etnahta – Revital Hachamov, piano. Brahms: 2 Rhapsodies op 79; Schumann: Carnaval op 9; Debussy: Suite bergamasque; Shimon Cohen: Burlesque; Albeniz: Triana, Serenata Espanola and Navarra
19:00 Rainbow of Sounds
20:05 Vivaldi: Violin Concerto no 1 (Toso / Venice Soloists / Malgoire); Mozart: *Symphony no 33* K319 (Cleveland SO / Czeli; Mendelssohn: Piano Concerto no 1 op 25 (Ogdon / London SO / Ceccato)
21:00 A Matter of Agreement
23:00 Just Jazz

MOVIES

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE Wag the Dog 5 - Life on a String 7 - The Rainmaker 9:30 - Dans la ville blanche 9:30 **G.G. GIL** Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 6788448 Wild Man Blues∞L.A. Confidential∞The Man In The Iron Mask∞U.S. Marshals 4:30, 7:15, 10 - Deep Impact∞Mercury Rising 4:45, 7:15, 10 - The Boxer 4:45, 7:15, 10 - Amistad 4:30, 7:15, 10 **JERUSALEM THEATER** On connait la chanson 9:30 - Wild Man Blues 7 **RAV CHEN 1-7** ☎ 6782799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 6794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot As Good Ad It Gets 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 - The Horse Whisperer 3:15, 6:30, 9:45 - The Wedding Singer 5, 7:30, 9:45 - Titanic 5, 8:45 - Picture Perfect 5, 7:30, 9:45 - She's So Lovely 9:45 - Good Will Hunting 5, 7:15, 9:45 - In and Out 5, 7:30 **MEVASSERET ZION G.G. GIL** ☎ 5700868 Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil 4:30, 7:15, 10 - Scream 2 4:45, 7:15, 10 **SMADAR** ☎ 5618168 Welcome to Sarajevo 8 - Sweet Hereafter 6, 10
TEL AVIV
DIZENGOFF On connait la chanson∞The Spanish Prisoner 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 8, 10 - Deconstructing Harry 11 a.m., 3:15, 8, 10 - Wild Man Blues 1, 5:30 **GAT** ☎6967888 The Horse Whisperer 3:15, 6:30, 9:45 **GLOBUS** Wild Man Blues∞U.S. Marshals 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:15, 10 - Live Flesh ∞Mercury Rising∞Deep Impact 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 - The Man In The Iron Mask 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45 - Power Rangers 11:30 a.m., 2, 5 - L.A. Confidential 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:15, 10 **GORDON** ☎5236992 Breaking the Waves 4, 7, 10 **G.G. HOD 1-4** ☎ 5226226 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. L.A. Confidential 4:45, 7:15, 10 - Live Flesh∞The Boxer 5, 7:30, 10 - U.S. Marshals 4:45, 7:15, 10 **LEV** ☎5288288 Welcome to the Doll House 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 5, 7:30, 10 - Good Will Hunting 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:15, 7, 10 - Welcome to Sarajevo 12 noon, 2:15, 5, 7:30, 10 - Sweet Hereafter 11:30 a.m., 2, 7:30, 10 **LEV AVIV** Credit Card Reservations ☎6416841 Sweet Hereafter 11 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 - Welcome to Sarajevo 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10 - The Thief 11:15 a.m., 7:30, 10 - The End of Violence 7:15, *9:45 - Brassed Off 11 a.m., 2:45*, 5, 7:30, 10 - Ma Vie en Rose 2:30, 5 - Ice Storm 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5 **LIMOR** ☎6968084 Shall We Dance 8, 9:45 - Empire of the Senses 8 **G.G. PE'ER** ☎5442141 Mercury Rising ∞Deep Impact∞The Boxer 5, 7:30, 10 - U.S. Marshals 4:45, 7:15, 10 - Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil 4:30, 7:15, 10 **RAV-CHEN** ☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Circle Picture Perfect∞In and Out∞She's So Lovely 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 - The Wedding Singer 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 - As Good As It Gets 1:45, 4:30, 7, 9:45 - Scream 2 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 **RAV-OR 1-5** ☎ 5102674 Opera House She's So Lovely∞The Full Monty 5, 7:30, 9:45 - Titanic 5:15, 9 - Jackie Brown 4:15, 7, *9:45 - Boogie Nights 4*, 7, 9:45 **TEL AVIV MUSEUM** Gadjo Dilo 5, 8, 10
HAIFA
CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 8325755 Deconstructing Harry 7:15, 9:15 - Sweet Hereafter 9:15 - The Thief 7:15 **MORIAH** ☎8242477 Live Flesh 7:30, 9:30 **ORI** ☎8500056 Mercury Rising ∞The Boxer∞Deep Impact 4:45, 7:15, 10 - Blues Brothers 2000∞U.S. Marshals 4:30, 7:15, 10 - L.A. Confidential 4:30, 7:15, 10 - Sphere 4:30, 7:15, 10 **PANORAMA** ☎8382020 Mercury Rising∞Deep Impact∞On connait la chanson 4:30, 7, 9:30 **RAV-CHEN** ☎8500055 Picture Perfect 5, 7:15, 9:30 - As Good As It Gets 4:15, 7, 9:30 - The Wedding Singer 5, 7:15, 9:30 - Jackie Brown 6:30, 9:30 - Scream 2 4:30, 7, 9:30 **RAV-GAT 1-2** ☎ 8674311 Titanic 4:45, 8:30 - The Full Monty 5, 7:15, 9:30 **RAV-MOR 1-7** ☎ 8416898 Titanic 4:45, 8:30 - Picture Perfect 5, 7:15, 9:30 - As Good As It Gets 4, 6:45, 9:30 - The Horse Whisperer 6:15, 9:30 - The Wedding Singer 5, 7:15, 9:30 - In and Out 5, 7:15, 9:30 - Good Will Hunting 4:30, 7, 9:30 **RAV-OR 1-3** ☎ 8246553 The Horse Whisperer 6, 9:15 - Good Will Hunting 4:30, 7, 9:30 - Boogie Nights 6:30, 9:30 - Flubber 4:45
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RAV CHEN The Horse Whisperer 6, 9:15 - U.S. Marshals 7, 9:45 - The Weddding Singer 7, 9:30
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STAR ☎9950904 She's So Lovely 7:30, 10 - As Good As It Gets 7:30, 10 - Titanic 9
ASHDOD
G.G. GIL ☎ 8647202 L.A. Confidential 4:45, 7:15, 10 - Deep Impact∞The Full Monty∞No Names On the Doors∞Live Flesh 5, 7:30, 10 **ORI** ☎8568073 On connait on chanson∞U.S. Marshals 4:45, 7:15, 10 - Mercury Rising 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎*8661120 The Horse* Whisperer 6:30, 9:45 - Picture Perfect∞In and Out∞The Wedding Singer 5, 7:30, 9:45 - Titanic 4:45, 8:30 - As Good As It Gets 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
ASHKELON
G.G. GIL ☎ 6729977 Mercury Rising∞Deep Impact∞The Myth of Fingerprints 5, 7:30, 10 - U.S. Marshals 4:45, 7:15, 10 - The Full Monty 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎6711221 Good Will Hunting 5, 7:15, 9:45 - As Good As It Gets 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 - The Horse Whisperer 6:30, 9:45 - Titanic 4:45, 8:30 - The Wedding Singer 5, 7:30, 9:45
BAT YAM
RAV CHEN ☎5531077 Mercury Rising∞Picture Perfect∞Deep Impact 5, 7:30, 9:45 - Good Will Hunting 5, 7:15, 9:45 - The Wedding Singer 5, 7:30, 9:45 - The Horse Whisperer 6:30, 9:45 - Titanic 4:45, 8:30
BEERSHEBA
G.G. GIL ☎6440771 The Full Monty∞The Myth of Fingerprints∞Scream 2∞Shall We Dance 5, 7:30, 10 **G.G. ORI** ☎6103111 Deep Impact∞Mercury Rising 5, 7:30, 10 - U.S. Marshals∞Blues Brothers 2000 4:45, 7:15, 10 **RAV-NEGEV 1-4** ☎8235278 The Horse Whisperer 6:30, 9:45 - As Good As It Gets 4:15, 7:15, 9:45 - Titanic 4:45, 8:30 - The Wedding Singer 5, 7:30, 9:45
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HADERA
LEV ☎6343555 Mercury Rising∞Shall We Dance ∞Deep Impact 7:15, 10 - The Thief 7:30, 10
HERZLIYA
COLONY ☎6902666 As Good As It Gets∞Jackie Brown 4:45, 7:30, 10:15 **DANIEL** ☎ 9544044 Titanic 5, 9 **STAR** ☎ 9589068 Deep Impact 7:30, 10 - The Wedding Singer 7:30, 10 - Mercury Rising 7:30, 10
HOD HASHARON
GIL ☎ 7408591 Mercury Rising∞Deep Impact∞The Wedding Singer 5, 7:30, 10 - Good Will Hunting 4:45, 7:15, 10
KARMIEL
CINEMA ☎9882521 Jackie Brown 6:15, 9:15 - The Horse Whisperer 6, 9:15 - The Wedding Singer 7, 9:30
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G.G. GIL ☎7677370 The Wedding Singer∞Deep Impact 5, 7:30, 10 - Blues Brothers 2000 4:45, 7:15, 10 - Mercury Rising 5, 7:30, 10 - U.S. Marshals 4:45, 7:15, 10 - The Horse Whisperer 6:30, 9:45 - Good Will Hunting 4:45, 7:15, 10
KIRYAT BIALIK
G.G. GIL Blues Brothers 2000∞Mercury Rising∞Deep Impact∞As Good As It Gets 7, 9:30 - U.S. Marshals 7, 9:30 - Scream 2 7, 9:30 - The Full Monty 7, 9:30 - Titanic 5:30, 9 - Jackie Brown 7, 9:30
KIRYAT SHMONA
G.G. GIL ☎6905080 Mercury Rising∞The Myth of Fingerprints∞Good Will Hunting 4:30, 7, 9:30
NAHARIYA
HEICHAL HATARBUT ☎9829933 As Good As It Gets 8:30
UPPER NAZARETH
G.G GIL ☎6561332 Boogie Nights∞As Good As It Gets∞Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil 4:15, 7, 9:45 - Mercury Rising∞Deep Impact 4:30, 7, 9:30 - Titanic 5, 8:45 - U.S. Marshals 4:15, 7, 9:45
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G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 9404729 Mercury Rising∞Deep Impact 5, 7:30, 10 - As Good As It gets 4:30, 7:15, 10 - Titanic 5, 8:45
NETANYA
G.G. GIL 1-5 ☎ 8628452 Blues Brothers 2000∞U.S. Marshals 4:45, 7:15, 10 - Mercury Rising∞Deep Impact 5, 7:30, 10 - Live Flesh 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎ 8618570 The Horse Whisperer 6:30, 9:45 - Picture Perfect 5, 7:30, 9:45 - *The Wedding Singer* 5, 7:30, 9:45 - As Good As It Gets 9:45 - Titanic 6:15
PETAH TIKVA
G.G. HECHAL ☎ 9317374 Blues Brothers 2000 4:45, 7:15, 10 - The Wedding Singer 5, 7:30, 10 - Picture Perfect 5, 7:30, 10 **SIRKIN** ☎ 9087989 Deep Impact∞Mercury Rising 5, 7:30, 10 - As Good As It Gets∞U.S. Marshals 4:45, 7:15, 10 - The Horse Whisperer 6:30, 9:45 - Titanic 5, 8:45
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CIN MOFET ☎ 7482915 Live Flesh 8:30
PARK ☎ 7711321 The Wedding Singer 5, 7:30, 10:15 - The Horse Whisperer 6, 9 - Deep Impact 5, 7:30, 10:15 - Mercury Rising 5, 7:30, 10:15 - Good Will Hunting 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
RAMAT GAN
RAV-GAN 1-4 ☎ 6197121 The Horse Whisperer 3:15, 6:30, 9:45 - As Good As It Gets 9:45 - The Wedding Singer 5, 7:30, 9:45 - Good Will Hunting 5, 7:15, 9:45 - Titanic 6:15 **RAV-OASIS 1-3** ☎ 6730687 Mercury Rising∞Picture Perfect 5, 7:30, 9:45 - Deep Impact 5, 7:15, 9:45
RAMAT HASHARON
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Moya cruises to French Open crown

PARIS (Reuters) – Spain's Carlos Moya cruised past compatriot Alex Corretja 6-3 7-5 6-3 to win the French Open crown and complete a double for his country at Roland Garros yesterday.

King Juan Carlos of Spain was in the stand to see his nation's dominance of the grand slam event this year. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario had secured the women's title on Saturday with a 7-6 0-6 6-2 victory over Monica Seles.

It was the second all-Spanish men's final and the second Spanish double in five years. In 1994, Sergi Bruguera beat Alberto Berasategui and Sanchez Vicario won the women's event too.

A long five-set final that many had predicted never materialized as Moya, runner-up in the Australian Open in 1997, took a firm grip of the match early on.

His all-court play and subtlety around the net proved decisive as he took the first set 6-3 in humid conditions on Court Central.

Corretja, seeded 14th, rallied a little in the second set and began to find his range.

But when it came to the crunch, Moya's versatility proved the difference.

The 21-year-old was able to force points and play his compatriot either from the baseline or from the net while Corretja's forays to the net resulted repeatedly in ill-timed, clumsy volleys.

Corretja, from Barcelona, saved three break points in the second game of the third set but the strain proved too great two games later as Moya broke his serve for 3-1.

With a "Mexican wave" sweeping around the stadium, Corretja's chances disappeared as Moya – with his first grand slam crown in sight – closed the match out after two hours and 18 minutes.

As Moya lay on the red clay Corretja leaped the net to hug his friend, before Moya climbed into the stand to embrace his family, coach Jose Perlas and fiancee Raluca Sandu.

After being presented with the Musketeers' Cup – and a signed football – by Brazilian soccer legend Pele, the Barcelona-based star said: "Congratulations to Alex. He has had two great weeks here. It has been an unbelievable fortnight for me here in this most beautiful city.

"I just have to thank all my family for this." Moya and Corretja then played head-tennis and juggled the footballs before kicking them into the crowd.

Moya added: "I had a lot of confidence coming into this match after beating Marcelo Rios and Felix Mantilla. I knew if I could keep that level of tennis I could win.

Asked if he is looking forward to doing well at Wimbledon he said: "I would like to do well... I'll try. I am going to Halle (in Germany) to get ready." Corretja said: "I'd like to congratulate my friend Carlos.

He beat me today... he was the best – but I like him just as much as before.

"But one day I will win here, I promise."



FIESTA IN PARIS – Spain's Alex Corretja (right) is about to embrace his compatriot, Carlos Moya, after the latter won the French Open title yesterday. (AP)

Braves blank Orioles 9-0

BALTIMORE (AP) – Greg Maddux accomplished a rarity, and he made it look incredibly easy.

The Baltimore Orioles had gone a major-league best 128 games without being blanked before yesterday, when Maddux pitched a four-hitter to lead the Atlanta Braves to a 9-0 victory.

Andres Galarraga homered twice and Andruw Jones also connected as the Braves won the series 2-1 to avenge the three-game interleague sweep the Orioles registered in Atlanta last season.

Giants 6, Cardinals 5

In St. Louis, Brian Johnson and Jeff Kent each homered as the San Francisco Giants overcome a four-run deficit to beat the St. Louis Cardinals 6-5 for their ninth straight win.

Mark McGwire, the major league-leader in home runs with 28, went 2-for-3 with two doubles and two walks for the Cardinals, who have lost eight of 11.

Tigers 4, Brewers 1

In Milwaukee, Justin Thompson pitched a career-best three-hitter and Bobby Higginson and Tony Clark homered, leading the Detroit Tigers to a 4-1 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

Pantani wins Tour of Italy

MILAN (AP) – Marco Pantani won the 1998 Tour of Italy yesterday after race judges ruled that the final stage would not count towards the overall standings.

The jury announced its decision about five hours into the 173-kilometer ride from Lugano, Switzerland to Milan, following a request by racers who said rainy conditions had made the roads slippery and dangerous.

Pantani had virtually wrapped up the Giro Saturday, after increasing his lead over Russia's Pavel Tonkov to 1 minute, 33-seconds, and Sunday's stage was expected to be a celebration ride.

Competitors have been told they need to complete Sunday's stage, however, mostly to please the huge crowds that turned out to cheer Pantani to the finish.

Pantani, 28, has had a series of cycling accidents, the last occurring during last year's Giro when a cat ran onto the road in front of his bike. In 1996 he broke his leg and was sidelined for the entire season.

Fearful of more accidents, especially at the end of a successful Giro, the jury decided to annul the stage results so racers won't ride too fast.

England in control of the Edgbaston Test

BIRMINGHAM (AP) – England deprived Jonty Rhodes of only his second Test century and then took control of the first cricket Test at Edgbaston yesterday.

England, despite losing wickets in search of quick runs, remained in an unbeatable position at stumps on the fourth day yesterday.

Rhodes was dismissed for 95 after a forceful 104-run eighth wicket stand had saved face for South Africa.

England, 170 for eight, enjoyed an overall 289-run lead after dismissing South Africa for 343. The home side scored 462 in their first innings.

The highest South Africa have scored in the fourth innings to win a Test is 297. It was achieved against Australia in Melbourne in 1952/53.

Mike Atherton followed up his first innings 103 with a resolute near three-hour 43 and shared two stands with Alec Stewart (28) and Graham Thorpe (43).

England lost Mark Butcher and Nasser Hussain cheaply, but captains past and present – Atherton and Stewart – combined for a 49-run stand before the latter was dismissed.

This was followed by more than a run-a-ball 68 for the fourth between Atherton and Thorpe before medium paceman Lance Klusener bowled them both in the space of 13 balls.

Klusener followed up his 57 in South Africa's innings with 3-27. He took 3-8 in 17 balls as England, well placed on 148 for three, lost five wickets in as many overs.

Rhodes and Klusener came together after South Africa had slumped to 224 for seven. The pair took the attack to England after Angus Fraser had claimed Shaun Pollock and Mark Boucher in a 12-ball spell.

The pair gradually batted South Africa to safety in a near two-hour alliance. They first avoided the follow-on and then opened out after the lunch break.

England dropped South Africa off the hook, dropping both batsmen. Rhodes' miss was costly, as he went on to score 31 more. South Africa was 248 for seven, still 15 runs short of the follow-on mark.

Rhodes and Klusener hammered 15 boundaries between them, four of them by the latter in eight balls from medium-paceman Dominic Cork after lunch.

Cork, who picked up the first four South African wickets, caught and bowled Allan Donald to finish with 5-93.

Cork, returning to the side after a 16-month absence due to injuries, claimed his first five-wicket haul since taking 5-116 against Pakistan at Leeds in 1996.

Fraser, Cork's new ball partner in the absence of the injured Darren Gough, finished with 4-103.

Rhodes, South Africa's in-form batsman, shared two innings building stands with Daryll Cullinan (78) and then Klusener.

Rhodes edged Fraser to 'keeper Stewart after a 229-minute vigil that yielded eight boundaries and a six.

England, 1st innings, 462
South Africa, 1st innings (overnight 192 for five)

G.Kirsten c Butcher b Cork	12
G.Liebenberg c sub b Cork	3
J.Kallis c Stewart b Cork	61
D.Cullinan b Fraser	78
H.Cronje c sub b Cork	1
J.Rhodes c Stewart b Fraser	95
S.Pollock c Croft b Fraser	16
M.Boucher c Stewart b Fraser	0
L.Klusener c Stewart b Ealham	57
A.Donald c and b Cork	7
P.Adams not out	6
Extras (5lb, 2nb)	7
Total: (overs: 117.3, all out)	343

Fall of wickets: 6, 36, 118, 125, 191, 211, 224, 328, 328, 343.
Bowling: Angus Fraser 34-6-103-4 (1nb), Dominic Cork 32.3-7-93-5, Mark Ealham 23-8-55-1, Robert Croft 27-3-85-0, Mark Butcher 1-0-2-0 (1nb).

England, 2nd innings

M.Butcher lbw b Pollock	11
M.Atherton b Klusener	43
N.Hussain lbw b Donald	0
A.Stewart b Donald	28
G.Thorpe b Klusener	43
M.Ramprakash b Kallis b Adams	11
M.Ealham c Pollock b Klusener	7
D.Cork st Boucher b Adams	2
R.Croft not out	1
Extras (10b, 6lb, 8w)	24
Total: (overs: 45.1, for 8 wickets)	170

Fall of wicket: 24, 31, 80, 148, 153, 167, 167, 170.
Bowling: Allan Donald 10-1-48-2 (1w), Shaun Pollock 12-2-43-1 (7w), Lance Klusener 11-4-27-3, Paul Adams 12.1-3-36-2.

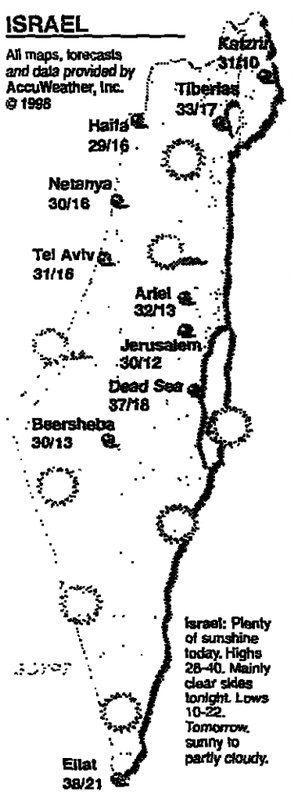
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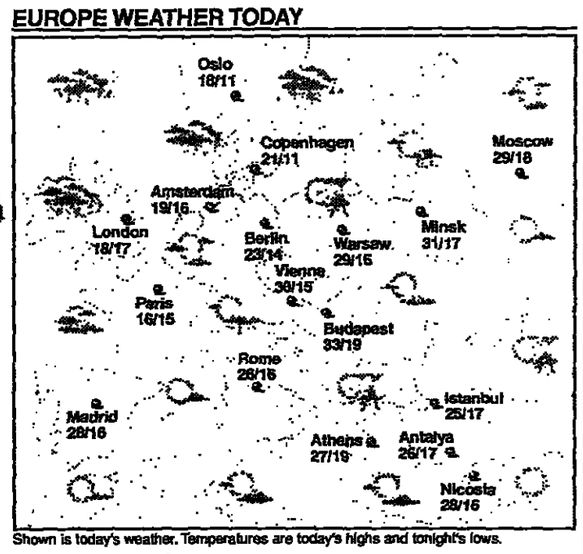
ISRAEL

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Israel: Plenty of sunshine today. Highs 28-40. Mainly clear sides tonight. Lows 10-22. Tomorrow, sunny to partly cloudy.

EUROPE WEATHER TODAY



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

ISRAEL CITIES

City	Today High	Today Low/W	Tuesday High	Tuesday Low/W	Wednesday High	Wednesday Low/W	Thursday High	Thursday Low/W
	C/F	C/F	C/F	C/F	C/F	C/F	C/F	C/F
Ariel	32/89	13/55/s	30/86	15/59/s	30/86	15/59/pc	33/91	17/62/s
Beersheba	30/86	13/55/s	28/82	13/55/s	28/82	15/59/s	31/88	17/62/s
Dead Sea	37/98	18/64/s	35/95	20/68/s	37/98	20/68/s	37/98	22/71/s
Eilat	38/100	21/70/s	38/100	23/73/s	39/100	23/73/s	39/97	21/70/s
Haifa	29/84	18/61/s	27/80	18/64/s	27/80	18/64/pc	29/84	20/68/s
Jerusalem	30/86	12/53/s	28/82	12/53/s	26/79	14/57/pc	29/84	16/61/s
Katzrin	31/88	10/50/s	29/84	13/55/s	29/84	13/55/pc	32/89	11/52/s
Netanya	30/86	16/61/s	27/80	18/64/s	27/80	18/64/pc	29/84	20/68/s
Tel Aviv	31/88	18/61/s	29/84	18/64/s	27/80	18/64/pc	29/84	20/68/s
Tiberias	33/91	17/62/s	33/91	19/66/s	31/88	19/66/pc	33/91	19/65/s

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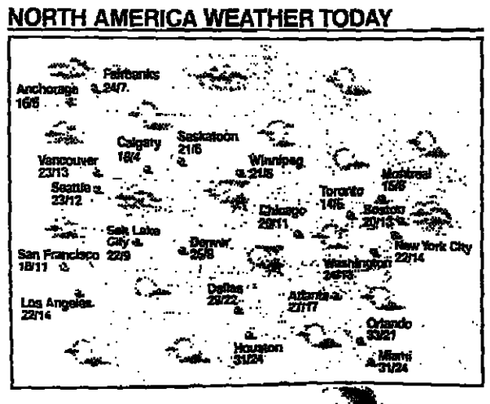
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	C/F	C/F	C/F	C/F	C/F	C/F
Amsterdam	19/66	16/61/pc	27/80	16/61/pc	21/70	7/44/pc
Beijing	31/88	21/70/s	29/84	19/66/s	30/86	21/70/pc
Berlin	23/73	14/57/pc	26/79	18/64/pc	28/82	16/61/pc
Brussels	18/64	16/61/c	27/80	17/62/pc	22/71	7/44/pc
Cairo	35/97	17/62/s	33/91	17/62/pc	33/91	18/64/pc
Chicago	20/68	11/52/pc	23/73	14/57/sh	25/77	15/59/pc
Frankfurt	23/73	13/55/sh	27/80	17/62/s	29/84	16/61/pc
Hong Kong	30/86	26/79/r	29/84	25/77/pc	29/84	25/77/pc
Johannesburg	18/64	2/35/s	17/62	2/35/pc	18/64	3/37/pc
London	18/64	17/62/pc	26/79	13/55/pc	18/64	7/44/pc
Los Angeles	22/71	14/57/pc	26/79	13/55/pc	26/79	13/55/pc
Madrid	28/82	16/61/pc	33/91	18/64/pc	31/88	16/61/pc
Mexico City	26/79	13/55/pc	26/79	13/55/pc	26/79	13/55/pc
Montreal	15/59	8/46/sh	19/66	11/52/pc	22/71	14/57/pc
Moscow	29/84	18/64/pc	30/86	19/66/pc	28/82	18/64/pc
New York	22/71	14/57/pc	22/71	13/55/pc	23/73	15/61/pc
Paris	18/61	15/59/pc	27/80	15/59/pc	20/68	7/44/pc
Prague	18/64	9/48/r	24/75	17/62/c	28/82	13/55/pc
Rio de Janeiro	26/79	19/66/pc	27/80	21/70/pc	23/82	21/70/pc
Rome	26/79	16/61/c	28/82	18/64/pc	29/84	19/66/pc
Sydney	14/57	11/52/r	17/62	12/53/pc	19/66	14/57/pc
Tokyo	22/71	17/62/pc	24/75	22/71/pc	28/82	24/75/pc
Toronto	14/57	6/43/r	20/68	10/50/pc	23/73	13/55/sh
Vienna	30/86	15/59/c	27/80	19/66/pc	29/84	19/66/pc
Warsaw	29/84	18/61/c	25/77	16/59/pc	28/82	18/64/pc
Washington	24/75	13/55/s	25/77	16/61/pc	26/79	17/62/pc
Zurich	18/64	11/52/c	21/70	18/64/c	25/77	11/52/pc

NORTH AMERICA WEATHER TODAY



Schumacher wins dramatic Canadian Grand Prix

MONTREAL (Reuters) – Michael Schumacher achieved a hard-fought victory in a crash-marred Canadian Grand Prix yesterday and moved back into world championship contention.

The Ferrari driver saw the pacesetting McLarens of Mika Hakkinen and David Coulthard both retire with mechanical problems early on and then overcame a strong challenge from Italian Giancarlo Fisichella in a Benetton to record the 29th victory of his career and his second of the season.

But Schumacher did not have an easy afternoon. He moved to the front when leader Coulthard retired on lap 18 with a throttle problem, but then lost the lead a lap later when he dived into the pits for a refuelling stop.

That left Fisichella at the front in his Benetton and when Schumacher was handed a 10-second stop-go penalty for pushing German Heinz-Harald Frentzen off the track as he emerged from the pits on lap 20 – adding to his lengthy list of driving controversies – it seemed to be the Italian's day.

But Schumacher recovered, taking the lead on lap 42 when Fisichella stopped for fuel, and he built up enough of an advantage to stay in front after his second stop on lap 50. He finished 16.662 seconds ahead of Fisichella.

Briton Eddie Irvine finished third for Ferrari, while Austrian Alexander Wurz was fourth in a Benetton despite causing a first corner race stoppage when he barrel-rolled his car.

Three other cars were involved but all the drivers made the re-start. The safety car came out to slow the field moments after a second multiple accident on the re-start and was used again later because of further accidents and debris on the track.

Porsche win third straight Le Mans

LE MANS, France (Reuters) – Porsche claimed their third consecutive win at the Le Mans 24 Hours race yesterday with Briton Alan McNish behind the wheel at the finish.

McNish's co-drivers were Frenchman Laurent Aiello and Stephane Ortelli.

McNish, competing for only the second time on the 13.6-km Sarthe circuit, inherited the lead from former Formula One driver Thierry Boutsen with a little over an hour to go when the Belgian's Toyota dropped out of the race with transmissions problems.

Loud, costly campaign for FIFA boss ends today

PARIS (AP) – The spending and shouting are just about over.

Now comes the vote to decide who will lead soccer into the 21st century.

The race between Lennart Johansson, head of Europe's soccer union UEFA, and Sepp Blatter, general secretary of the international federation FIFA, has been expensive and nasty, with the two campaigns costing more than $1 million and slinging more mud than a motocross rally.

A close outcome is expected today, when 192 members of FIFA vote for a successor to Joao Havelange, the Brazilian industrialist who has held the presidency like a personal fiefdom for 24 years.

The job is traditionally part-time and unpaid, but it is one of the two most powerful positions in international sports, perhaps even more so than the presidency of the International Olympic Committee.

It carries the flag of soccer, the game that elicits passion and attracts sponsor dollars like no other. That attraction has led critics to question how the FIFA presidency might have added to Havelange's personal wealth; a recent article in the German newspaper *Frankfurter Rundschau* said the outgoing president rang up $2.7 million in travel, hotel and other expenses in the past four years, about four percent of FIFA's budget.

Although he supports Blatter and urged him to run, Havelange said Saturday he had no idea who would take over once he departs at the end of the World Cup next month.

"The outcome will be known when the vote is held, not before," he said. "It's like when a child is born – you have to give it time." Johansson was supposed to attend the same news conference where Havelange appeared but pulled out at the last minute.

Officials said he wanted to have lunch with his home-country Swedish soccer federation instead.

For more than a year, Johansson was the only candidate in the race. But after much waffling, Blatter announced his candidacy 2 1/2 months ago and since then has waged a globe-girdling campaign seeking votes.

He predicted Friday that he would win, even saying that he was sure of almost half the votes from Europe, where Johansson has been seen as unchallengeable. Soon after his prediction, Blatter won an important endorsement from the English Football Association, which sent Johansson into a rage.

The UEFA head accused Keith Wiseman, chairman of the English FA, of breaking his word of support and called it a "very personal decision" aimed at securing a seat for Wiseman on the FIFA executive committee. Johansson also said he remained confident of victory.

Name-calling and backstabbing has been prominent in this campaign. Johansson has accused Blatter of stealing his platform and acting as a straw man for Havelange; Blatter, in turn, has said that Johansson was a puppet of the German soccer federation and Antonio Matarese, the powerful head of the Italian soccer federation who probably would take over at UEFA if the Swede is elected FIFA president.

There even has been a dispute over the voting itself, normally just a mundane procession of dark-suited officials to a voting booth. UEFA said last month that it would keep a close watch on how FIFA handled the balloting, lest it favor Blatter.

And not only has the campaign been nasty, it's been expensive. Blatter said he has spent $300,000, and estimates put Johansson's campaign costs at up to $800,000, much of it financed by UEFA.

Havelange said he was not dismayed at the conflicts that have arisen.

"I have said before that FIFA is not a dictatorship, and to have an election you need two candidates. I wish we had four or five," he said. "To have free competition is very good for football. I would hope that my successor would carry on our good results." Whoever succeeds Havelange won't have to worry about money.

The outgoing president said FIFA had a cash reserve of $4 million, with $800 million in sponsorships and uncounted millions more in TV rights fees. "Enough to stage two World Cups," he said.

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